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Farm, Home, Family Night March 18 fun event for whole family

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The 16th annual Farm, Home and Family Night scheduled Tuesday, March 18, at Morgan County High School will offer something of interest for the whole family. Registration and viewing the display area will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m. During this time, those attending can enjoy a free

dinner and visit with over 40 local community organizations, service groups, and agencies who will be sharing displays about the services offered in Morgan County.

Workshop sessions will be conducted from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and 7:00-7:45 p.m. Gas card drawings will begin at 8:00 p.m. Participants who complete an evaluation and attend the class sessions of the program will be eligible for this drawing.

Morgan County ARH will provide blood pressure checks,

blood sugar testing and a coupon redeemable for cholesterol screening at no cost to participants.

Sponsors for this year's event are Bank of the Mountains, Commercial Bank, Licking Valley RECC, Morgan County Farm Bureau, Morgan County Soil Conservation District, and Mountain Telephone.

Several exciting workshops will be offered this year for youth and adults of all ages, including—

4-H Crafts for Kids — Billie

Cook, 4-H Parent/Volunteer Leader — Youth of all ages will have the opportunity to make a variety of different crafts that can be entered at the County Fair.

Internet Safety — Chris Ball, West Liberty Police Department — An in-depth look at Internet slang, abbreviations young people use on cell phones and computer networking, and information about tools needed to interpret it. Instruction and hands-on examples of social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook.

“Are You Prepared” — Aaron Horner, Frankfort, Office of Homeland Security — One never knows when a major emergency may arise. Would your family know what to do? Learn how to be prepared for potential crises.

The Effects of Alcohol — Zach Haney, West Liberty Police Department, Lowell Kennard, Department of Fish and Wildlife — Come experience the serious effects of how alcohol interferes with one's abilities and faculties. Mixing alcohol with hunting, boating and ATV riding can lead

to fatalities. This will be a hands-on class, so come prepared to be involved to overcome the abuse of alcohol. This class is for anyone ages 13 and up.

4-H Line Dancing — West Montgomery, MSU student — Come and enjoy moving and learning popular line dances while having fun.

Drug Use In Morgan County — Sharon Tharp, U.N.I.T.E./KY-ASAP Coordinator — This class will offer detailed information about the effects of drug abuse

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IRS debunks tax rebate myths

The Internal Revenue Service has moved to set the record straight on several issues surrounding the 2008 Economic Stimulus program.

On February 7, 2008, the Congress approved the economic stimulus plan aimed at boosting the economy and avoiding a recession. The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 was signed into law by President Bush on Feb. 13.

What does this mean for you?

The \$168 billion plan includes tax rebates (stimulus payments) worth up to \$600 for individuals and \$1,200 for couples filing joint returns, with an additional payment for families of \$300 per qualifying child. People who paid no income taxes but earned at least \$3,000, including Social Security, railroad retirement and disabled veterans' benefits, will receive a \$300 stimulus payment as well, **BUT THEY MUST FILE A 2007 TAX RETURN.** Recipients will then begin receiving their stimulus payments in May, 2008.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will the tax rebate (stimulus payment) affect the tax return you must file by April 15, 2008?

No, there's no effect on this year's return. However, the amount of your tax rebate (payment) does depend on your information from the 2007 tax return you'll file by April 15.

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Important Notice

To citizens who are eligible to receive economic stimulus payments this year but who do not normally file a tax return: It is absolutely imperative that you file a 2007 tax return (Form 1040A) by April 15 in order to receive your stimulus payment. Eligible recipients can contact a local tax preparer or tax service.

VITA, a program of the IRS, offers free tax help to low- to moderate-income (generally \$40,000 and below) people who cannot prepare their own tax returns. For additional information, individuals who are 55 years of age or older may contact ExperienceWorks at 606-743-9512.



The home of Eula Mae Adkins on Old Hwy. 172 caught fire early Saturday morning during a winter storm that hit the county with significant accumulations of snow and ice. Firefighters from four local departments braved dangerous road conditions to save Mrs. Adkins's home and personal belongings from the blaze.

Fire emergency during icy storm early Sat. required collaboration

Firemen brave dangerous road conditions to save home on Old Ky. 172

By Miranda Cantrell James

The Caney Valley Volunteer Fire Department responded to a housefire at 833 Old Hwy. 172 early Saturday morning, collaborating with firefighters from various local departments to save the home in the midst of an icy winter storm.

West Liberty Fire Chief John Conley, who is also a Caney Valley firefighter, said that dispatch received a call at 2:12 a.m. advising that the residence of Eula Mae

Adkins was on fire.

“Mrs. Adkins woke up in her bedroom to crackling and popping noises coming from her electrical box,” Conley said. “She also saw flames coming from the box and fled on foot to the nearby home of her daughter, Joy Stevens, who notified authorities of the fire.”

Following Stevens's call, Caney Valley firefighters — many of whom also belong to West Liberty Fire Department — dispatched West Liberty fire engines to the scene due to treacherous road conditions.

Hwy. 172/Peddler Gap and Hwy. 519 fire departments were also dispatched to provide additional re-

sources and assistance at the scene.

“The falling snow and sleet hampered response time,” Conley said. “It was difficult to get the firetrucks up the hill leading to the residence, and walking on the icy steps outside was also hard. Approximately half an inch of ice accumulated while firefighters were on the scene, and that made a bad situation even worse.”

Caney Valley/West Liberty firefighters performed the initial interior fire attack, while several Hwy. 172/Peddler Gap and Hwy. 519 firefighters extinguished lingering hot spots.

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Lien notices stun property owners

In June of last year, property tax bills went up significantly for some 300 Morgan County property owners. That was when Tax Ease Lien Investments LLC of Dallas, Texas, began buying up unpaid Morgan County tax bills totaling several hundred thousand dollars.

Last week, many Morgan Countians, including some who were unaware of the tax claims against their property, began to learn just how much their tax liability had grown as a result of those purchases by Tax Ease. That was when the first wave of letters were mailed by the investor advising the property owners of the amount — in some cases more than double the amount of the original liability — they would have to pay to retain clear title to their property — and some even more.

To obtain clear title to the properties, delinquent taxpayers whose

liens were purchased by Tax Ease and other companies have a year to pay the tax bill to the county plus 12 percent interest and legal fees which are collected by the lien purchaser.

If the liens remain unpaid, the investor can legally hold them for up to 10 years before petitioning the court to have the property sold. When it is sold, the investor gets back his initial investment from the sale price, plus the accrued interest, with the remainder going to the county to settle the tax claim.

Morgan County Clerk Randy Williams said many of the property owners who received delinquent notices last week from the investor, were unsuspecting recent buyers who were unaware that taxes were owed.

For some older, retired persons who have recently learned of the

liens against their property, the amount owed, including the accrued interest and other costs, is truly prohibitive. There is no doubt that the owners are liable for the taxes, but some hope to work out payment plans with the investor to make it financially easier to clear their titles.

County Clerk Williams said he spent several hours last week explaining the situation to shocked property owners

Some property owners have contacted the state attorney general's office for assistance in dealing with the investors to work out these arrangements.

Last week's notices to property owners was just the first. Companies have purchased tax liens in Morgan County going back to 2000.

Considered by many as predatory and heartless, the investment in tax

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Tax package approved by fiscal court

Measures to cure budget deficit will get 2nd readings March 24

The Morgan County Fiscal Court at a budget hearing on Monday evening gave first readings to ordinances that, if adopted, would impose a one-half of one percent payroll tax on workers wages and at the same time increase the county's existing insurance premium tax by 2.5%.

The action — based on the premise that “everybody should pay a little bit” to help solve the county's continuing budget crisis, came after hours of deliberation by the fiscal court and is an acknowledgement that the magistrates' efforts last year to balance the county's 2007-2008 budget without providing for an infusion of additional revenue has fallen short. The current budget still faces a deficit of nearly \$500,000.

Approval of the ordinances came on a 3-2 vote with one abstention and broke a deadlock on the court over whether to skip a payroll tax and raise all needed funds by increasing the county's insurance premium tax.

That proposal, introduced on a motion by Magistrate Randy Cantrell and seconded by Magistrate Stanley Riggsby, would have increased the insurance premium tax by 6% — from 2% to 8% — and would not impose a payroll tax. It failed to pass three times on a 3-3 vote, with Cantrell, Riggsby, and Denzil Potter voting aye and Burton Stacy, Frankie Spencer, and Judge Executive Tim Conley voting nay.

The proposal to impose a payroll tax and raise the insurance premium tax, which also had failed on earlier tie votes, was adopted after Lonnie Campbell and Tom Dobson, local finance officers from the Governor's Office of Local Development in Frankfort, reminded the court that Monday was the statutory deadline to adopt an increase in the insurance premium tax. To have ended the meeting with a deadlock would have left the county with only one option for achieving a balanced budget — a payroll tax.

To keep the budget talks alive and the insurance tax proposal in play, the combination tax package was resubmitted for a vote and Magistrate Cantrell agreed to abstain. Voting to approve the ordinances were Magistrates Stacy and Spencer and Judge Executive Conley. Magistrates Potter and Riggsby voted no and Cantrell abstained.

The ordinances will be given their second readings at a meeting on Monday, March 24, at 8:00 a.m. in the fiscal court meeting room at the County Office Building.

A large crowd of citizens attended the meeting Monday evening, including many proponents and opponents of one or the other of the tax plans. After an hour and a half of

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Don't forget Kiwanis Pancake Flip Mar. 22

Don't forget the Kiwanis Pancake Flip on Saturday, March 22. An Easter Weekend tradition in West Liberty, the event provides a convivial setting for locals and visitors back home for the Easter holiday to get together over hot coffee, pancakes and syrup and renew old acquaintances.

Serving will be from 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the West Liberty Christian Church at 204 Prestonsburg Street.

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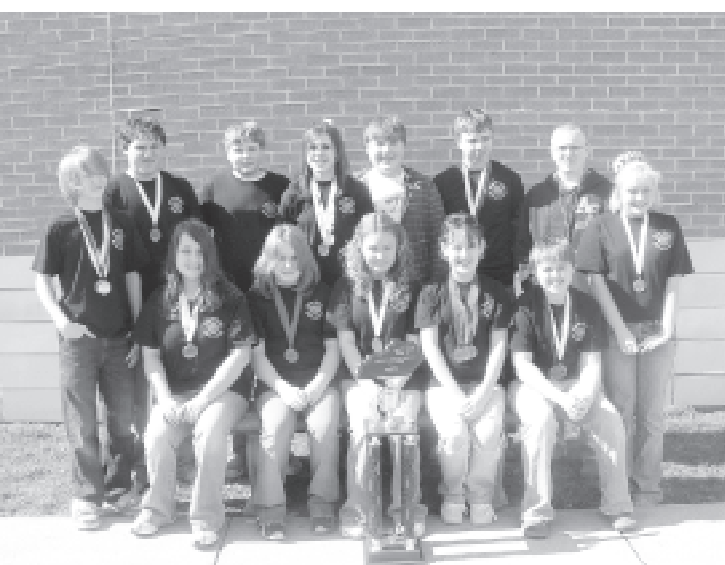


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TEAM BLUE — Sitting from left, Mariah Hanson, Chelsea Linkous, Marissa Morgan, Courtney Knox, Garrett Finch; standing from left, Jerrod Knox, Josh Reynolds, Wade Joseph, Amy Evans, Ethan Bolin, Ryan Gevedon, Ryan Patterson, Jessie Bates. Not pictured: Gabe Lewis.



TEAM GOLD — Sitting from left, Dakota Adkins, Noah Kelsey, Mikey Whisman, Shayna Smith, Laken Cantrell; standing from left, Dalton Carpenter, Marvin Cain, J.J. Holden, Joe Holbrook, Walker Crase, Audrianna Noble. Not Pictured: Marty Vest.

Morgan County Middle School Science Olympiad

On Saturday, March 1, Morgan County Middle School Science Olympiad teams competed in the regional competition at Pikeville College. With nine schools competing, both middle school teams walked away with advancement credentials to the state competition level. Team Blue won 2nd place while Team Gold won 4th place. The state competition will be at Western Kentucky University on April 26. Teams are coached by Andrea Aragon, Less Howard, and Will Noble. Good luck at State!

Individual Results:
Anatomy — 1st place: Marissa Morgan, Garrett Finch
Balloon Launch Glider — 1st place: Gabe Lewis, Jerrod Knox
Bio-Process Skills — 2nd place: Marvin Cain
Crave the Wave — 3rd place: Ryan Gevedon, Marissa Morgan
Ecology — 2nd place: Chelsea Linkous, Ryan Gevedon
Ecology — 3rd place: Laken Cantrell, Shayna Smith
Metric Mastery — 3rd place: Amy Evans, Garrett Finch
Oceanography — 2nd place:

Marvin Cain
Oceanography — 3rd place: Amy Evans, Jerrod Knox
Road Scholar — 2nd place: Marty Vest, Dakota Adkins
Road Scholar — 3rd place: Ethan Bolin, Wade Joseph
Robo-Cross — 3rd place: Ethan Bolin, Mariah Hanson
Rocks and Minerals — 1st place: Courtney Knox, Gabe Lewis
Rocks and Minerals — 2nd place: Noah Kelsey, Shayna Smith
Science Crime Busters — 3rd place: Courtney Knox, Jerrod

Knox
Science Word — 2nd place: Courtney Knox, Gabe Lewis
Scrambler — 1st Place: Audrianna Noble, Marty Vest
Scrambler — 3rd Place: Josh Reynolds, Mariah Hanson
Simple Machines — 1st Place: Marvin Cain
Simple Machines — 3rd Place: Wade Joseph, Jessie Bates
Tower Building — 3rd Place: Joe Holbrook, Walker Crase
Write It Do It — 2nd Place: Chelsea Linkous, Courtney Knox

HOUSE WEEK IN REVIEW

By Rep. John Will Stacy



March 7 — The “mortgage meltdown” is causing real financial heartache for thousands of Kentucky families caught in the nightmare of losing their homes, due mainly to ignorance of the terms and conditions of their high-cost loans.

House Bill 552, that passed the House of Representatives with a vote of 87-0, would protect Kentucky homebuyers by expanding and clarifying mortgage terminology, reducing the amount of possible prepayment penalties, and prohibiting prepayment penalties on refinancing with the original mortgage loan company.

This legislation would also create the Mortgage Fraud Act, which would provide harsher penalties and fines for mortgage fraud and will make it easier for

the state to prosecute. House Bill 552 would improve the laws covering lending in Kentucky and provide more supervisory and enforcement tools to fight fraud and predatory lending. The bill is now at the Senate waiting consideration.

A bill that would help decrease Kentucky’s growing dental health problem passed the House with a vote of 91-4. House Bill 186 would require children to visit a dentist before starting Head Start, pre-school, or first grade, beginning with the 2010-2011 school year. Children aged three to six would be required to have a dental health certificate before they could start public school. The bill’s goal is to get children in the habit of going to the dentist at an early age, to prevent losing teeth to poor

dental hygiene as adults.

Keeping our kids safe is a constant worry, especially when they begin driving with an instruction permit. Staying focused on the road in those critical first six months is challenging, especially with the proliferation of cell phone usage.

I have sponsored House Bill 125, which would prohibit teenagers driving on an instruction permit from using a cell phone while driving, except in the case of emergencies. If caught using a cell phone for purposes other than an emergency, the teenager would receive a violation, but no court costs or fines would be imposed. The only penalty would be to increase the days before the teenager could receive their full driving privileges. I am very proud that the bill passed the House by a vote of 95-0 and is now on its way to the Senate.

The House Appropriations and Revenue Committee passed House Bill 2, a comprehensive package of incentives and policy directions that support creating a sustainable energy future for Kentucky. This bill would expand Kentucky’s footprint in energy efficiencies, conservation initiatives, and renewable energy solutions.

Specifically, House Bill 2 would require state buildings to meet energy efficiency standards, create a committee to establish those standards, enroll public schools in the Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program to lower energy costs, and give tax breaks for using energy efficient appliances, windows, and other building materials. House Bill 2 would also authorize Kentucky utilities to study the potential of wind, solar and other renewable sources. This legislation now heads to the House floor.

The cut off date to file bills passed this week and 775 House bills have been filed in the House of Representatives. Discussion on these bills will keep us busy for the remaining weeks of the session while we continue to

work on the budget, which we anticipate being passed out of the House early next week.

I encourage you to call me if you have any questions about legislation of interest to you please leave a message for me in Frankfort by calling the legislative toll-free Message Line at 800-372-7181, or through the Legislative Research Commission’s website at www.lrc.state.ky.us.

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(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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Morgan Co. receives \$10,226 for emergency food, shelter

Morgan County has been awarded \$10,226 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program to supplement Emergency Food and Shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by the National Board chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and consists of representatives from the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, USA, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, Salvation Army, United Jewish Communities and United Way of America. The local board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter program in high need areas around the country.

A local board made up of members of the Morgan County Fiscal Court, Morgan County DCBS, Christian Social Services, Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Gateway Community Action, RSVP program and other local organizations will determine how the funds awarded to Morgan County are to be distributed among programs operated by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive the funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must:

- Be private voluntary non-profits or unites of government.
- Have an accounting system.
- Practice non-discrimination.
- Have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs.
- Have a voluntary board if they are a private organization.

Public or private voluntary organizations in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter program funds should contact Sandra Stevens at 743-3133 for an application. The deadline for applications is March 19, 2008.

Morgan County has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter funds previous with Gateway Community Action participating.

Johnson Co. woman brings lawsuit against trucking co.

LOUISA – A Johnson County woman, formerly from Tomahawk in Martin County, brought a civil action in the Lawrence Circuit Court last week which seeks compensation to her and her two children from what the suit calls the "wrongful death" of her husband, Ronald T. Haney.

The suit also seeks compensation for serious injuries to the widow, injuries from which she alleges caused her to have extensive hospital care and treatment as well as nursing home confinement. Her medical expenses to date, according to the complaint, are \$350,000, and, it is alleged that her future medical care and expenses will amount to more than \$1 million.

Winifred "Wendy" Haney, who lives at Nippa in Johnson County with her children, Kristen and Tony, filed the civil action against Alfred Rice Company of Sitka, also in Johnson County, and Ray E. Davis, of Hager Hill.

The civil action, filed for Haney by John Kirk, alleges that Ronald Haney was killed on U.S. 23 near Louisa on March 14, 2007, when the vehicle he was operating was struck by a "loaded" tractor-trailer coal truck owned by Rice and operated by Davis.

According to the complaint, the crash killed Ronald T. Haney and seriously and permanently injured Mrs. Haney and that the crash "caused such severe injuries to Mrs. Haney that she was treated at St. Mary's Hospital for weeks and later taken to a nursing home."

The suit alleges Davis was overloaded and was speeding at the time of the crash and that the Rice vehicle "was operating in a reckless, willful, wanton and dangerous fashion – traveling too fast for the area and circumstances – and his method of operation of the Rice vehicle was the proximate cause of the crash that killed Ronald and injured Wendy."

"This is a tragic circumstance," John Kirk said. "A young father gone and two little kids to grow up without their dad. Sadly, in our world we are seeing this more and more often."

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Tuesday, Mar. 18--Baked chicken, buttered noodles, mushroom gravy, green beans, whole wheat roll, tropical fruit, milk.
Wednesday, Mar. 19--Meatloaf, baked potato, margarine and sour cream, seasoned cabbage, whole wheat roll, peaches, milk.
Thursday, Mar. 20--Beef pot roast, potatoes and carrots, cole slaw, whole wheat roll, banana, milk.

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Medicare Part B covers some medical expenses not covered by Medicare Part A (hospital insurance), such as doctors' fees, outpatient hospital visits and other medical supplies and services that are not covered by Medicare Part A.

When you first become eligible for hospital insurance (Part

A), you have a seven-month period (your initial enrollment period) in which to sign up for medical insurance (Part B). After that, you have to pay a higher premium – unless you were covered through an employers group health plan or a group health plan based on a spouse's employment. You are given another opportunity to enroll in Part B during the general enrollment period, from Jan. 1 to March 31 of each year. But each 12-month period that you are eligible for Medicare Part B and do not sign up, the amount of your monthly premium increases by 10 percent.

You can learn more about Medicare by reading our electronic booklet, Medicare (SSA Publication No. 05-10043) at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10043.html. You may also call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778 to ask for a copy. Or visit the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov. You may also Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227;

TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Bernard O'Nan is the district manager for the Ashland Social Security office. If you have any questions regarding Social Security benefits or programs, call the Ashland office to speak with a representative. We are located on the first floor of the Carl D. Perkins Federal Building on Greenup Avenue in Ashland, Ky. Our phone number is 606-324-0516.

Woman's Club to volunteer at KET Telefund

Several Morgan County Woman's Club members will be helping with the Kentucky Educational Television Telefund on Sunday, March 16. During this time of year, KET comes into your home to offer you an important opportunity: to support the institutions you value for yourself, your loved ones and your

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Firefighters...

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"The fire was contained to one bedroom in 30 minutes," Conley said. "There was extensive smoke damage throughout the house, but firefighters remained on the scene for two hours to save many of Mrs. Adkins's personal belongings, including several family photographs."

Conley also said firefighters' efforts thwarted what could have been a much larger disaster.

"We were just moments away from battling a huge blaze," Conley said. "The temperature inside the house was hot enough for the fire to flash over in a matter of four to five minutes. The flames would have quickly consumed the structure had the flash point been reached."

Conley attributes the nick-of-time save to efficient interdepartmental cooperation.

"All of the fire departments worked very well together," Conley said. "No single department could have saved this home without the aid of the others. We extend special thanks to all the firefighters who faced the dangerous weather conditions and responded to this call."

Approximately 17 firefighters from four departments responded to the call with two West Liberty fires engines and one Hwy. 172/Peddler Gap fire engine. No injuries were reported.

Caney Valley firefighters had previously responded to a fire involving an abandoned house located off Hwy. 844 a few hours before the Adkins home caught fire. Due to the collapsed state of the building upon arrival, department members opted to let the fire burn itself out.

Farm & Home...

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in Morgan County and how we as citizens can combat illegal drug use and abuse. The class will emphasize protecting youth from falling prey to drug abuse.

Composting 101 — Toni Edelman, Gardener Extraordinaire — Up to 20% of waste in landfills could be composted. Learn how to start your own composting system at home and be rewarded with "organic gold" in the end.

Raised Bed Gardens — Toni Edelman, Gardener Extraordinaire — Raised bed and square foot gardens have many advantages. This experienced gardener will share first hand knowledge on how to construct and maintain a plan for a bountiful harvest.

Beef Cattle Management — Daniel Wilson, Wolfe County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources — From health programs to marketing opportunities, receive an informative and practical update on beef production for your farm.

Wildlife Habitat Management — Harley Weaver, Private Lands Wildlife Biologist, Ky. Dept. of Fish and Wildlife — Interested in improving wildlife use of your property? This class will discuss various practices and programs that will help you achieve your goals.

Make Half Your Grains Whole — Sarah Brandt, UK NEP Specialist — A large amount of our daily calories should come from the grain group. Learn important ways to keep your body healthy by adding more whole grain products to your diet. Great samples will be shared.

How Sweet It Is — Lorene Trimble and Donna Burgett, volunteers — Old fashion candy from scratch cooked the "old time" way.

Wrap It Up — Sandra Ellington, R. D. and Kim Smallwood, R. N., Gateway District Health Dept. — From appetizers to desserts, wraps are easy, versatile and can be nutritional. Wrap recipes (say that three times) will be provided along with a tasty sample to enjoy.

Quilting Basics — Ashley Hampton, Menifee County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences will be demonstrating techniques and tools of the trade to update your knowledge and skill.

Everyone is invited to come out on March 18 and enjoy an evening packed with great educational classes, good food, and community fellowship. For more information, call the Extension Office at 743-3292.

Stimulus...

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2. Will the tax rebate be considered income and will the recipient be taxed on it next year on their 2008 return?

No and no. The tax rebate is an ADVANCE CREDIT for tax year 2008 and will be calculated on your 2008 return. If you're due a higher payment, you'll get the remainder next year when you file. If you received a higher rebate (payment) than you should have, you DO NOT have to pay it back.

To set the record straight, the IRS issued the following facts concerning the stimulus payments.

Myth — The Stimulus Payment will reduce a taxpayer's 2008 refund.

Fact — The payment will NOT reduce refunds or increase the amount owed when a 2008 return is filed.

Myth — The Stimulus Payment is taxable.

Fact — It is NOT taxable. However, taxpayers are encouraged to keep a copy of the IRS notice they will receive later this year listing the amount of payment. In the event a taxpayer does not qualify to receive the full amount this year, but does next year, the notice will be a record of the previous amount received.

Myth — Taxpayer needn't do anything in order to receive a Stimulus Payment.

Fact — Taxpayers MUST file a 2007 tax return in order to be eligible for a payment. After filing a 2007 return, however, the taxpayer is set and the IRS will do the rest.

Myth — Everybody is eligible for a check.

Fact — At the minimum, a taxpayer must have at least \$3,000 of "qualifying income" to receive either \$300 (Single) or \$600 (Married Filing Joint). Qualifying income includes Social Security benefits, certain Railroad Retirement benefits, certain veterans' benefits and earned income from wages, salaries, tips and self-employment. For taxpayers filing joint tax returns, only a total of \$3,000 of qualifying income from both spouses is required to be eligible. Also, for those who don't normally file, a tax return (Form 1040A) will be needed this year to get a check.

Myth — Only paper checks will be issued.

Fact — Direct Deposit is the best way to receive the payment.

Even if you aren't due a refund on your tax return, filling out the bank routing information will allow your stimulus payment to be direct deposited.

Myth — The IRS will contact taxpayers either by phone or by e-mail about their payments.

Fact — Watch for scams! The IRS WILL NOT contact taxpayers by phone or e-mail about Stimulus Payments or refunds.

The IRS reminds those who don't have any other requirement to file a tax return that submitting a tax return to qualify for the economic stimulus payments does not create any additional tax or trigger a tax bill. In addition, the stimulus payments will not have any effect on eligibility for federal benefits. Complete details are available on-line at www.irs.gov

Fiscal Court...

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discussion and continued voting deadlocks, most seemed to reach agreement that something has to be done to help the county back to a sound financial footing and most seemed to agree that the plan that was approved would be the fairest because "everybody should pay a little bit" — not just wage earners as would be the case with a payroll tax only, and not just property owners, as would be the case with just an increase in the insurance premium tax.

Several commented that they felt the impasse on the court had continued too long and urged the magistrates to work together for the good of the county. Dean Lewis of Pleasant Run Road seemed to speak for many when he told the magistrates, "The county is in bad shape. Why can't we all get together and do what it takes, and get it fixed . . . get our county out of debt?"

Tax Liens ...

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liens by speculators is entirely legal because of a state law enacted in 1998.

Before the law was enacted, many delinquent tax bills were purchased by the counties but rarely put for sale. The upside to the purchase of tax bills by private investors is that counties get the money owed and as property owners become aware of the practice, tax delinquencies tend to go down.

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OLDER INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR TAX REBATES

We work with individuals who are 55 years of age or older and as such, are advocates for their betterment. We are not sure that older individuals realize that they may be eligible for the Economic Stimulus Plan Tax Rebate. If they have at least \$3,000 in certain types of income and normally do not file a federal tax return, they could still be eligible for payments ranging from \$300 to \$600 if single or \$600 to \$1,200 if married filing jointly. All they have to do is file a federal income tax return.

This additional income could make a significant difference in the lives of those who live on a small fixed income. I hate to see any Morgan Countian miss out on such a great economic opportunity.

Citizens 55 years of age and over can contact the ExperienceWorks office at 606-743-9512 to learn more about what they must do to qualify for their rebate.

Sallie Jo Nickell
Employment & Training Coordinator
ExperienceWorks
P.O. Box 100
West Liberty, Ky. 41472

INFORMATION WANTED

To the Editor:

I am seeking more information on the arrest of Gregory Shane Bolin, especially from witnesses that heard a threatening statement allegedly made by the arresting officer. Also, I would appreciate more information on allegations that the same officer broke into Kathy Allen's home without a search warrant. Call 743-4664 or 606-362-5324.

Robert Bolin

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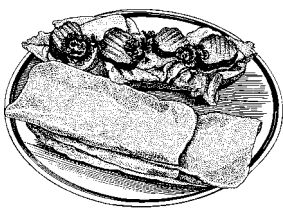
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Brandy Jarrell, above, with children in Chiquimula, Guatemala where she is spending six months working as a missionary.

Missionary in Guatemala has ties to Morgan County

In the following letter Brandy Jarrell, who is currently on a 6 months missionary trip in Chiquimula, Guatemala, relates some of the experiences she had had there. She is the granddaughter of Barbara Jean Nickell and the late Odis and Myra Hall; great granddaughter of the late Dennie Nickell; great, great granddaughter of the late Tom Nickell and Mary Charles and Richard Brown.

Her letter follows--
I would like to take this opportunity to reflect back a little in this past year. God has truly been so good to me and He has blessed me in so many ways, that I never knew possible. I have been and continue to be blessed with so many opportunities that many may never get, or never take.

Ever since I was a young girl, missions has had a special place in my heart. I always knew I wanted to go to a foreign country on a mission's trip, but the opportunity never came until this past year.

The first trip I was able to be a part of was to China. My team of thirty-eight people took (smuggled) in over 600 Bibles. I was blessed to be able to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people who have never heard, or may not have heard God's word without that trip being possible. That was an amazing trip.

Then, only a few short months later, I found myself being called to something I would have never imagined myself doing. God was calling me to Chiquimula, Guatemala. When I came here, I came only have meeting the people I would be living with, and working for, one time. I didn't know any Spanish, so the

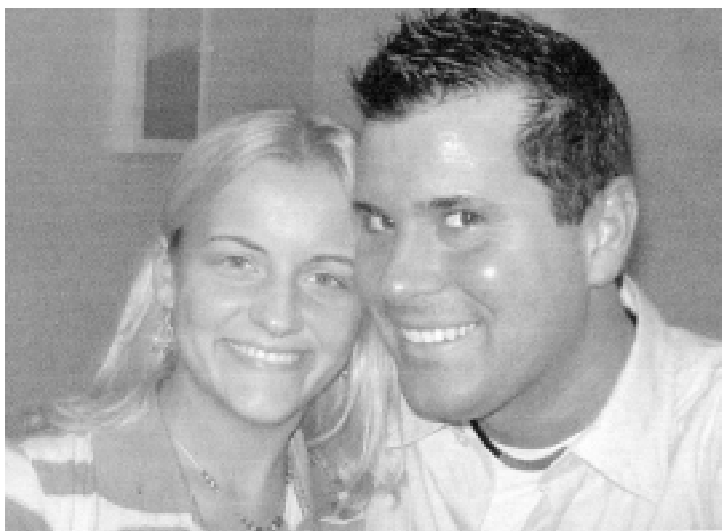
only people I could communicate with were them, and one other lady that lives here at the house. But God is bigger than me, and He is certainly able to help me overcome in the areas that I lack. After only being here two weeks, I met my new best friend, with which I couldn't communicate. Where there seems to be no way, the Bible says that God can make a way. Now, I find myself at her house most everyday after work, and sometimes even staying the night. Her family has now become my family as well.

Since being here, I have had the opportunity to attend Church of God Youth Camp. I have been to Honduras two times, once to the Copan Ruins. In December, Karla and I held two vacation Bible School classes in each of the five feeding centers that we help at. Then, on December 24th, we were able to bless each of the families at the feeding centers, which totaled 177.

Each family received a big Christmas bag which contained chicken, dried goods for them to prepare a traditional Christmas dinner, each child in the feeding centers got a new pair of shoes, each child in the family got a toy, and the family also got a cake and a new blanket. That was such a blessing that was what made me have a good Christmas.

I would like to thank everyone who has ever had a part in my life. Thank you for pouring into my life, and allowing God to use you to shape mine. Thank you to all of those who have given me your love and support. Thanks for all of the prayers, please continue to pray for me and the ministry work I am doing. If you would like to email me please do so. Jarrell81@yahoo.com

In Service of The King,
Brandy Jarrell



Adam Ross Horner and Tara Marie Lindon

Miss Lindon, Mr. Horner to exchange vows Mar. 15

Vernon and Casie Lindon, of Cannel City, and Frank and Jenny Horner, of Sweetser, Indiana, would like to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Tara Marie and Adam Ross.

Tara is a graduate of Morgan County High School and will be attending Bluegrass Community where she will graduate in May

2009 with a degree in Nursing. She is currently employed at Off Broadway Shoes, in Lexington, Ky.

Adam is a graduate of Lafayette High School and University of Kentucky. He will be attending graduate school in the summer at Georgetown College.

Margaret Stacy Circle meeting held March 4 at Methodist Church

The meeting of the Margaret Stacy Circle was held on Tuesday, March 4, at the Methodist Church, in West Liberty.

Judy Elam welcomed everyone. For our devotion Judy read poems of inspiration from a book of poems that was Wilma Faulkner's. We were blessed many times when Wilma would share her poems with us. We miss her very much.

Bev Bell opened the meeting with a prayer. Her program was about the history of the World Day of Prayer. This mission is carried out by 170 countries, so women around the world can share a day of prayer and celebration of faith. The prayer concerns focus on women and children who are isolated and through different programs that have come from the World Day of Prayer, these women and children can be helped by improving their situation.

In the late 1880s a movement was started for a world day of prayer and in 1926. The World Day of Prayer was celebrated the way it is today. We will help keep this mission going by having a World Day of Prayer on March 7, 2008.

Adam is employed by Clark County Board of Education.

The double ring ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Grace Baptist Church, Malone, Ky. The bride's uncle, Bro. Mike Lindon, will be performing the ceremony.

A reception will begin following the ceremony at the Commonwealth Room at the Morehead State University Center, Index, Ky.

Tara and Adam wish to invite all family and friends to attend their happy day.

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Thank the Lord for little things for they can surely grow into the greatest treasures that you may ever know. Don't covet worldly riches that may not be for you, nor overlook the special gifts that God has given you. Let "giving" outweigh and "getting" on your scale of happiness, and your joyful heart will bask in the glow of Godliness.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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Rigsby guest of Kiwanis Club

Don Rigsby, Director of the Kentucky Center for Traditional Music at Morehead State University, presented the program for the West Liberty Kiwanis Club at its Feb. 25 meeting. Rigsby, an internationally-recognized bluegrass musician and singer, has performed with several acclaimed groups, including Longview, Bluegrass Cardinals, J. D. Crowe and the New South, Lonesome River Band, and Rock Country, and currently leads his own group, Midnight Call. After his presentation, Rigsby graciously performed three or four numbers from his repertory for his hosts.

Pvt. William C. Howard graduates from basic training



Pvt. William Chad Howard

Pvt. William Chad Howard graduated from basic training in the Third Battalion at Parris Island, South Carolina on Feb. 29.

Pvt. Howard left Monday, March 10, for additional training at the School of Infantry, at Camp Lejeune, in North Carolina.

A son of Mike and Phyllis Howard, of West Liberty, Howard is a 2005 graduate of Morgan County High School.



Meet with Congressman

Judge Executive Tim Conley and wife, Tammy, are shown with Congressman Hal Rogers, center, while on a recent trip to Washington, D.C., for an ARC Conference. Judge Conley had an opportunity to have dinner with Congressman Rogers and thanked him for his continued support of Morgan County and the region. Topics discussed included Operation UNITE, the PRIDE program, and other items of interest related to Morgan County and the area.

Summer counseling scholarships for college graduates

Some Kentucky schools and communities are experiencing a shortage of counselors that is projected to increase. To help meet the need, scholarship assistance is being offered by the Kentucky Counseling Association.

Those interested in becoming school counselors, and who already possess and undergraduate degree, can get a jump start this summer with help with tuition and textbooks. The association provides grants of \$100 for textbooks.

Each of the participating universities, listed below, will provide one tuition waiver (preference will be granted to beginning master's students who have earned less than 15 hours):

- Eastern Kentucky University
- Lindsey Wilson College
- University of Louisville
- Morehead State University
- Murray State University
- Western Kentucky University
- Xavier University

Documentation of acceptance by the participating university and a letter of recommendation are

required, along with a completed application. The deadline for submitting materials is April 15. Go to the Kentucky Counseling Association's website at www.kyca.org for further information and an application. The application is available under the heading, *KCA Summer 2008 Scholarship Application*.

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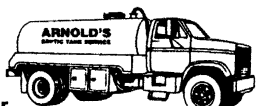
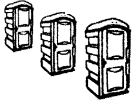
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Obituary of Mabeleen Barker



Mabeleen Barker, 69, of Revis Road, West Liberty, died Thursday, February 28, 2008, at King's Daughters' Hospital, in Ashland. Born, December 24, 1938, at Trent, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Courtney and Gracie Lee Burse Bush.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Revis Barker; a granddaughter, Samantha Barker; 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

Survivors include five children, Donna and James Gillespie, Revis Keith Barker, of West Liberty, Jamie Dean and Sherry Barker, of Morehead, Kimberly Barker and William Ralph Barker, also of West Liberty. There are 10 surviving grandchildren, not 17: Tracy Brown, Travis Brown, Erica Brown, Kayla Barker, Courtney Barker, William Revis Barker, Shanna Barker, Jeremy Barker, Aaron Barker, and Chelsea Arnett. She has two surviving great grandchildren, not 7: Harley Helton and Kraig Helton; and four sisters, Dorothy, Hazel, Fern, and Betty.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 2, at Grassy Lick Enterprise Baptist Church, with Rev. Kenneth Gevedon and Rev. James Tyra officiating. Burial followed in Grassy Lick Cemetery, at Grassy Creek.

Pallbearers were Travis Brown, Jeremy Barker, William Revis Barker, Aaron Barker, Courtney Barker, and James Gillespie.

It was my grandmother's wish that her obituary have only her biological grandchildren and great grandchildren, and her wish was not honored in last week's obituary. I'm writing this new one this week to try and honor what I and other family members heard her request.

--Erica Brown (pd)

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Ella Alsip



Ella Alsip, 77, of Middletown, Ohio, died Monday, February 25, 2008, at the Sycamore Glen Nursing Center, where she had been a patient for 11 months.

She was born September 8, 1930, in Woodsbend, Kentucky, and lived in Middletown since 1950.

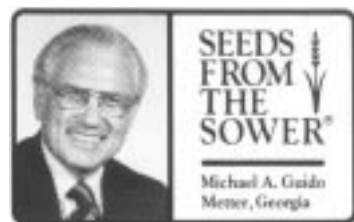
Ella was employed at Inland Container for 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James R. and Bertha Bailey Gibson; and one sister, Eva Gibson.

Survivors include her husband of 52 1/2 years, Blaine Alsip; one son, Phillip Alsip and wife, Jill, of Monroe, Ohio; two grandchildren, Josh Alsip, of Monroe, Ohio, and Sarah Jacobs and husband, Matt, of Madison Township, Ohio; one great grandson, Isaiah Alsip; a half sister, Lula VanCleve; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28, at Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, with Minister Mike Tuttle officiating. Interment followed at Elk Creek Cemetery, Madison Township, Butler County, Ohio, with Herr-Riggs Funeral Home, of Middletown, Ohio, in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions were suggested to Cross Roads Hospice, 8087 Washington Village Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45458.



A little boy was trying to button his coat. He was having an awful time, all because he got the first button wrong every time.

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"It will," she answered, "if you get the first one right."

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Out Lord said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Fasten these two buttons correctly, and you'll go from victory to victory.

Danford Payton

Danford Payton, 79, of 149 Cook Avenue, Winchester, widower of the late Dorcas Whitaker Payton, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, 2008, at the Clark Regional Medical Center.

A native of Desmond, Kentucky, in Morgan County, he was a son of the late Arrus Irwin and Mary Stacy Payton.

He was a retired employee of Bundy Tubing, an Army Veteran of the Korean War, and a member of Grassy Creek Baptist Church, in West Liberty.

Survivors include three sons, Ronnie Payton, of Ormond Beach, Florida, Leonard Payton and Randy Payton, both of Winchester; one daughter, Janet Hobbs, of Winchester nine grandchildren, Brandon Payton, Amie Payton, Nickie Payton, and Mathew Watts, all of Winchester, Christopher Payton and Sabrina Payton, both of Florida, Shawn Payton Barnett, of Powell County, Tyler Payton and Chad Payton, both of Louisville; three great grandchildren, Micah Watts and Malaki Watts, both of Winchester, and Rebecca Barnett, of Powell County; three sisters, Norma Sallee, of Vernon, Indiana, Lavene Hedger, of Orlando, Florida, and Ella Mae Ramsey, of Oviedo, Florida; one brother, Gordon Payton, of Titusville, Florida; and several nieces, nephews and cousins including Tammy Peyton Fogleman.

He was preceded in death by a twin brother, Rolan Peyton.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at Scobee Funeral Home, by Rev. Paul Hollingsworth officiating. Burial followed in Claromont Memorial Gardens, with Scobee Funeral Home, of Winchester, in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Leonard Payton, Randy Payton, Brandon Payton, Shawn Payton Barnett, Mathew Watts, Johnny Hobbs and Danny Peyton.

Honorary pallbearers were Eddie Fogleman, Steven Fogleman, Clarence Taulbee, and Eugene Stevens.

The online guestbook is at www.scobeefuneralhome.com and a 24 hour obituary information line can be reached by calling 859-744-2122.

Ezra C. Carver

Ezra C. Carver of Clarksville, Ohio, departed this life Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Fayette County Memorial Hospital, Washington Court House, Ohio, at the age of 76 years, 10 months, and 18 days. He was born on Tuesday, April 14, 1931, at Stacy Fork, Ky., a son of the late Jesse and Thelma Bentley Carver.

He was united in marriage to Shirley C. McGuire. He was a GM Factory worker and also served his country in the United States Navy. He was a banjo player for a Bluegrass Gospel Band, the Gospel Mountain Boys.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two children, Lynn Anne Carver and Nikki Carver; and one brother, Drexel Carver.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley C. McGuire Carver of Clarksville, Ohio; one son, Ezra Carver, Jr., of Cave City, Ky.; two grandchildren, and two sisters, Lois Claypool of Frankfort, Ky., and Lenora Carlisle of Louisville, Ky.

Graveside service 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Bentley Cemetery, Stacy Fork, Ky., with Bro. Ed Carpenter officiating, Potter Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements. Visitation at Tufts Schildmeyer Family Funeral Homes, Blanchester, Ohio, from 5 - 7 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2008. Sign guest book at www.potterfuneralhomeinc.com

Mae Helton

Cassie Mae Hartsock Helton, 90, a resident of Salyersville, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, at the Salyersville Health Care Center.

She was born September 29, 1917, in Owsley County, Kentucky, a daughter of the late Tom and Polly Ann Hartsock.

Survivors include one son, Billy Gene Helton, of Salyersville; four daughters, Betty Jenkins and Ina Nell Lyon, of Salyersville, Elva Jenkins, of West Liberty, and Joyce Ann Stapleton, of Fairborn, Ohio; three sisters, Rosa Faye Richie, of Dayton, Ohio, Mary Ruth Buck, of Fairborn, Ohio, and Prushie Pack, of Salyersville; 19 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, 22 great, great grandchildren, and 13 great, great, great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Sherman Helton; two sons, Bud Helton and Elmer Hassel Helton; one daughter, Virgie Francis; two brothers, John Sam Hartsock and Joe Hartsock; and two sisters, Eliza Brown and Hazel Wylie.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel, with Herman Russell, Rick Howard and Raleigh Jenkins officiating. Burial followed in the Trumbo Risner Cemetery, at Coon Creek, with Magoffin Funeral Home, of Salyersville, in charge of arrangements.

IN MEMORY



In Loving Memory Of Hassan Clevenger Who Passed Away March 18, 1997

In loving memory of Hassan Clevenger, who passed away March 18, 1997.

Dad was here but He went away to a better land and a brighter day. Many years have passed and gone, but memories of him still linger on. He worked very hard for the ones He loved, His strength and faith came from the Lord above. He kept pressing on when he was down a bit though tired he was, he didn't quit. When money was low and prices were high he would smile and say we will get by. He was a good man with a gentle touch. If one asked a little he gave them much. Through sickness and pain he never gave up. He was seeking and found the victor's cup.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Alpha, sons, Barry and Dempsey, and daughter, Joy, and grandchildren

IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory Of Our Beloved Husband and Father, Hassan Clevenger, Who Passed Away March 18, 1997

God saw you getting tired when a cure was not to be. So He closed His arms around you and whispered "Come to me". You didn't deserve what you went through, and so He gave you rest. God's garden must be beautiful. He only takes the best and when we saw you sleeping so peaceful free from pain, we could not wish you back to suffer that again. It has been eleven years now since God took you away and we miss you more today than we did yesterday. They say as times passes our pain will subside but we miss you more today than we did the day you died. Our eyes still cry to see you, our heart still feels your touch, and even though we try not to we miss you still so much.

When it is our time to leave this world and start our journey home maybe then we will no longer feel so lal alone. For in Heaven we'll be together and you'll never go away and we won't ever miss you like we are missing you today.

God bless you, Dad, in Heaven. We love you and miss you. Someday we will meet you up there around God's great white throne.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your wife, Alpha, sons, Barry and Dempsey, and daughter, Joy, and grandchildren

William A. Lindon

William A. "Tuck" Lindon, Jr., of Banks Fork Road, Campton, beloved husband of Blanche Rudd Lindon, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Nim Henson Geriatric Center, in Jackson, Ky., at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 1 day.

He was born April 3, 1924, at Gilmore, Kentucky, to the late William A. Lindon, Sr. and Elizabeth Lacy Lindon.

He worked as a farmer and former state highway employee.

Survivors include his wife, Blanche Rudd Lindon; one daughter, Elizabeth Louise Allen, of San Antonio, Texas; one stepdaughter, Karen Clark and husband, Kindel, of Hazel Green; two grandchildren, Andrew Burton, of Nicholasville, and Stephanie Allen, of San Antonio, Texas; one step-granddaughter, Kara Clark Duncil, and one step-great grandson, Dillon Duncil, both of Hazel Green; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Debra Sue Burton, and two brothers, Benjamin Lindon and David Lindon.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Porter and Son Funeral Directors Chapel, with Bro. Harold Gene Taulbee and Bro. Larry Taulbee officiating. Burial followed in Hazel Green Cemetery, at Hazel Green, with arrangements entrusted to Porter and Son Funeral Directors, of Campton.

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In Memory Of Mabeleen Barker who died February 28, 2008.

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Whereas, the loving Father has called our beloved and respected Sister home, and their having been a true and faithful member of our Order, therefore be it Resolved, that Paulina Chapter No. 360, Order of the Eastern Star of West Liberty, Ky., in testimony of its loss, drape its Charter in mourning and that we tender to the family our sincere condolence in their deep affliction, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family.

Committee:
Sharon Lykins
Arlena Lewis
Elaine Bartley

Resolution of Respect

In Memory Of Ruth D. Vest who died October 17, 2007.

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In Memoriam



Michael Wayne Hampton

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Michael was born on March 14, 1977. He passed away on April 28, 2006. Mike would have been 31 this week.

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"St. John 14:26-27 But the comforter which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to

your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled; neither let it be afraid."

No man can bring comfort like Jesus can, so look to Him.

Mike left behind his wife, Marva, and two sons, Michael Scott and Bradley Wayne, all of whom love him very much.

He has a family that loves and misses him, and he will always be remembered.

Mom, Dad, Larry, and Jenny, Marva, Michael, Bradley, Becky, Rachel, his seven nephews and little niece
We love you
(pd)



Valentine Queen and King at West Liberty Nursing and Rehab. Center

Staff at West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center voted by secret ballot for the resident that they think should be elected Queen and King. This year Lula Carpenter was named Queen of West Liberty Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, and Earl Cassity was named as King. Lula and Earl enjoyed the celebration surrounded by family, friends, residents, and staff. The Queen was presented with roses and the King received a valentine heart box of candy. All residents enjoyed a delicious Valentine's Day cake.

Homeland Security grants now available for fire departments

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (Ky.-5th) announced today that fire departments can apply for the Department of Homeland Security's Assistance to Firefighters' Grant Program

starting now through April 4. This initiative supports local fire departments' emergency response operations and firefighter health and safety programs.

"The assistance to firefighter grants enables our local fire departments to get much-needed resources," said Rogers. "When emergencies strike, we all depend on firefighters for a timely and thorough response and the

federal government created this program to help them achieve this critical mission."

The Assistance to Firefighter Grants are funded at \$560 million for this year's budget. As a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rogers works to secure funding for important initiatives in the fifth Congressional district.

Fire Department personnel can access additional information at www.firegrantsupport.com.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The roads we take are more important than the goals we announce. Decisions determine destiny. — Frederick Speakman

All Registered Republicans are urged to attend and participate in the Morgan County Republican Mass Convention, March 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at the Morgan County Office Building. The purpose is to elect officers and delegates to the Ky. State Convention. For more details call Virginia Terry, 725-4414.

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And a million more beside.
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And neither fine nor grand
Just a simple pattern
Fashioned by a busy hand.
It had a little cross stitch
Along the bottom row
And two long strings that
Tied behind in a hasty,
halfhitch bow.
It had no lace or ruffles,
Nor pretty applique,
But its simple homey usefulness
Was an epic in its day.
It was used to shoo the chickens,
To dust,and the shoo the flies,
And to wipe streaming tears
From grimy infants eyes.
It was used to fill the kindling box
With cobs and chips and twigs,
And to fetch the pesky porsely
From the garden to the pigs.
It was used to gather eggs
Hidden among leafy bowers,
And often half-drowned

baby chicks
Caught out in sodden showers.
It was used to snatch hot kettles
When no pot rag was at hand,
And the tighten on the fruit jar
lids
When winter’s stores
were canned.
It was used to gather garden stuff
And peaches from the hill,
And many a goodly mess
of greens
Did mother’s apron fill.
Her hands were shielded from
the gale
Beneath its sheltered fold,
And often tiny bear feet
nestled there
On mornings bleak and cold.
Ah!,twas a queenly garment,
And mother was a queen.
And as memory brings it back
It’s a noble thing I ween.
So when I join that heavenly
throng
With their robes so white and fair,
I am going to say,
“Mother’s ol’ Checkered apron is
the
garment I want to wear.”

Growing At Grace

Occasionally the rapid passage
of time comes as somewhat of a
shock. It seems unreal that we are
in the middle of the third month
in a new year.
Now is the time when we look
forward to seeing the first tiny
bright colors of crocus blooming,
but if they are blooming now, they
struggle under this winter’s big-
gest snow.
We will also celebrate Easter
this month. As we get closer to
this special time for Christians,
our thoughts return to the story
of Jesus and God’s love for man.
It is a love that lead Him to be-
come fully human, to feel all the
pain of being human, to feel re-
jection, to endure death on a
cross, and to raise from the grave
on the third day.
The most amazing thing is
when you come to the if the real-
ization that if you been the only
sinner, He still would have died
for you!
When we pray, with all the
blessings God already gives us,
we ask to have a grateful heart,
that we may be aware of His sac-
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– Editor

HEARING NOTICE

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday,
March 18, 2008, at 9 a.m., Eastern
Daylight Time, at the offices of the
Kentucky Public Service Commission,
211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort,
Kentucky, to examine the application
of the fuel adjustment clause of the
following corporations for the period
May 1, 2007, through October 31, 2007.
Individuals interested in attending this
hearing shall notify the Public Service
Commission in writing of their intent
to attend no later than March 14, 2008.
If no notices of intent to attend are
received by this date, this hearing will
be cancelled. Written notice of intent
to attend this hearing should be sent
to: Executive Director, Kentucky Public
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Morgan Cen. wins district competition

On Saturday March 1, Mor-
gan Central Elementary began a
new era for academic teams in
Morgan County. For many years,
the high school and middle
schools’ academic teams have
been district champions time and
time again. This year, MCES
continued this tradition by win-
ning its first-ever district cham-
pionship.

The team, made up of fourth
and fifth graders at the school and
coached by Robin Dickerson,
won the quick recall portion of
the competition by playing five

straight matches with teams from
Sandy Hook and Isonville
Elementaries. The matches were
exciting, fast-paced and showed
what excellent students MCES
has. The written assessment por-
tion of the competition also had
positive results with MCES stu-
dents winning first place in four
of the six areas of testing.

The team also won the
Katherine Hume Award which is
voted on by a representative of
each team and based on sports-
manship.

Individual winners were as
follows:

Abie Vibar: 1st place Math
and Social Studies.

Jasmine Lykins: 1st place Arts
and Humanities, 3rd place Social
Studies.

Savannah Johnson: 5th place

Social Studies, Composition and
Arts and Humanities.

Leah Shea Vance: 1st place
Science and 5th place Composi-
tion.

Derek Easterling: 5th place
Science.

Emily Howard: 4th place Lan-
guage Arts and 5th place Arts and
Humanities.

Amanda Stacy: 4th place
Math.

The team will compete at
regionals on March 22 at Heritage
Elementary in Grayson. If you see
one of the MCES eam members
out and about, wish them good
luck.

MOVING FORWARD

To wish to progress is the larg-
est part of progress.

– Lucius Annaeus Seneca

THESE PRAYERS WE OFFER

Dear God, where there is dark-
ness, we pray there will be light.
Where ever there is injustice,
may justice be in sight, where
there is great oppression, may
freedom soon be near. We pray for
understanding and, too, the end of
fear. Where is utter hopelessness,
may hope be born anew. May we
show more compassion as you
would have us do, where there is
strife and hatred, may there be
peace and love. These prayers we
humbly offer to you, Dear God
above.

REMEMBER

Grandma used to set her hot
baked apple pies on the window
sill to cool. Her granddaughters
set theirs on the window to thaw.



West Liberty Water Water Quality Report for year 2007

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Meeting location: 565 Main Street West Liberty

Meeting Dates and Time: Every Last Monday Of the Month 5:30pm

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Manager: **Brandon K Bailey**

Phone: **606-743-1953**

CCR Contact: **Brandon K Bailey**

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This report is designed to inform the public about the quality of water and services provided on a daily basis. Our commitment is to provide our customers with a safe, clean, and reliable supply of drinking water. We want to assure that we will continue to monitor, improve, and protect the water system and deliver a high quality product. Water is the most indispensable product in every home and we ask everyone to be conservative and help us in our efforts to protect the water source and the water system.

We treat our water from a surface water plant. Our source is from Cave Run Lake. An analysis of the susceptibility of the west Libery Water supply to contamination is generally moderate. However, there are a few areas of high concern; Cave Run Lake has 5 areas of high concern, 40 areas of medium concerns, 2 areas of low concerns. Licking River, which supplies water to Cave Run Lake, has 12 areas of high concern, 52 areas of medium concern and 2 areas of low concern. A bridge on Highway 519 and a bridge on Highway 460 is the point that poses an immediate threat to the intake should an accident occur that results inthe release of a substance harmful to humans. Other high concerns are farming sites located in the area also present the possibility for impact from the application of pesticides and fertilizer. The final source water assessment for our system has been compleated and is contained in the Morgan County Water Supply Plan. Copies of our plan are available from our office.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects may be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and may pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, (sewage plants, septic systems, livestock operations, or wildlife). Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, (naturally occurring or from stormwater runoff, wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming). Pesticides and herbicides, (stormwater runoff, agriculture or residential uses). Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, (by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, or from). gas stations, stormwater runoff, or septic systems). Radioactive contaminants, (naturally occurring or from oil and gas production or mining activities). In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water to provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some or all of these definitions may be found in this report:

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water.
MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants
BDL(Below Detection Levels) laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present -
N/A(Not Applicable) does not apply -
Parts per million (ppm) - or milligrams per liter, (mg/l). One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000
Parts per billion (ppb) - or micrograms per liter, (µg/L). One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000
Parts per trillion (ppt) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000
Parts per quadrillion (ppq) - one part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000
pCi/L(Picocuries per liter) .a measure of the radioactivity in water -
mrem/yr(Millirems per year) .measure of radiation absorbed by the body -
MFL(Million Fibers per Liter) .a measure of the presence of asbestos fibers that are longer than 10 micrometers -
Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU) - a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system
Variances & Exemptions (V&E) - State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions
Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system shall follow
TT(Treatment Technique) .a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water -

Information About Lead:

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Your local public water system is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Spanish (Español) Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre la calidad de su agua beber. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

The data presented in this report are from the most recent testing done in accordance with administrative regulations in 401 KAR Chapter 8. As authorized and approved by EPA, the State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data in this table, though representative, may be more than one year old. Unless otherwise noted, the report level is the highest level detected.

	Allowable Levels	Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly %	Violation	Likely Source
Turbidity (NTU) TT * Representative samples of filtered water	No more than 1 NTU* Less than 0.3 NTU in 95% of monthly samples	0.18	100	No	Soil runoff

Regulated Contaminant Test Results

Contaminant [code] (units)	MCL	MCLG	Report Level	Range of Detection	Date of Sample	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Inorganic Contaminants							
Copper [1022] (ppm) sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 1.3	1.3	0.54 (90 th percentile)	0.06 to 0.58	Aug-06	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Fluoride [1025] (ppm)	4	4	1.20	0.82 to 1.2	Jun-07	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth
Lead [1030] (ppb) sites exceeding action level 0	AL = 15	0	0.003 (90 th percentile)	0 to 0.004	Aug-06	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate [1040] (ppm)	10	10	0.19	0.19 to 0.19	Aug-07	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts and Precursors

Total Organic Carbon (ppm) (measured as ppm, but reported as a ratio)	TT*	N/A	1.02 (lowest average)	1.00 to 1.18 (monthly ratios)	3rd&4th Qrt2006	No	Naturally present in environment.
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*Monthly ratio is the % TOC removal achieved to the % TOC removal required. Annual average of the monthly ratios must be 1.00 or greater for compliance.

Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL = 4	MRDLG = 4	1.17 (highest average)	0.4 to 1.8	N/A	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
HAA (ppb) [Haloacetic acids] (Individual Sites)	60	N/A	56 (locational average)	27 to 85 (range of individual sites)	4th Qrt2006	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM (ppb) [total trihalomethanes] (Individual Sites)	80	N/A	40 (locational average)	14 to 68 (range of individual sites)	4th Qrt2006	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.

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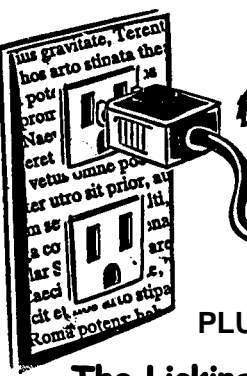



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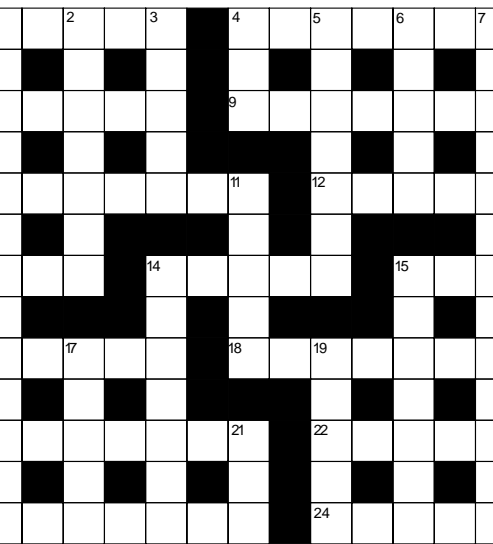
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CLUES ACROSS

- Water lily
- Beams inclined to support the roof
- Scene of a sporting event
- Roy's faithful companion but not a fish
- Apparel
- To join securely
- Worthless dog occurs herein
- To circulate freely
- Catch the breath convulsively in distress
- Wine produced in short for myself and the doctor
- Everlasting, having no beginning or end
- Devote to misery or doomed
- Lily's pungent edible bulb
- Worn by Muslim women to cover their face
- Member of a fraternal organization

CLUES DOWN

- Producer of uniforms worn by servants (6, 7)
- This foreign port looks more pungent
- Citizen of Holland
- Decay
- Feeling weak, dizzy or exhausted
- Illinois city
- Seasonally weighed (6, 7)
- Time to be rigid
- Stiffness of manner
- Uttering melodious sounds
- Platforms for loading
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- Largest of all living deer

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FRIDAY EVENING March 14												
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NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Jeo-	Amne\$ia		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		News	Tonight
CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	College Basketball: SEC Quarterfinal					College Basketball: SEC Quarterfinal			
ABC 6	News	ABC	Enter-	Jim	Grey's Anatomy	20/20			20/20		News	Night-
PBS 7	Math	Busi-	News-Lehrer	Com-	Group	Wash	The Brain Fitness Program		Assem-		News	
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Extra	Amne\$ia		Dateline NBC		Dateline NBC		News	Tonight
WGN 9	Funnies	Funnies	Home Videos		The Thomas Crown Affair				WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Two	Fam	Simp-	Two	Jezebel James	House			News		Friends	Seinfeld
CBS 12	News	CBS	Legends	College Basketball: SEC Quarterfinal					College Basketball: SEC Quarterfinal			
TBS 13	Friends	Ray-	Ray-	Ray-	Friends	Friends	★ Saving Silverman (2001)		Sex &		Sex &	
ENC 14	★ ★ ★ Running Scared (1986)				★ ★ ★ The Illusionist (2006)				★ ★ ★ Alien (1979)			
FAM 15	8 Rules	8 Rules	Ground-	Ground-	★ ★ ★ The Cutting Edge (1992)				Home Videos		The 700 Club	
LIFE 16	Reba	Reba	Still	Still	Reba	Reba	Dance		★ ★ ★ Come Early Morning (2006)			
A&E 17	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami			CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		The Sopranos	
SHOW 19	Kettle	Barnyard: Original Party			★ ★ ★ Last Holiday (2006)				The L Word		Mo'Nique: I	
DISN 20	Suite	Suite	Mon-	Suite	★ ★ ★ Sky High (2005)				Raven	Life	Suite	Mon-
MAX 21	White	★ ★ ★ Just My Luck (2006)			Let's Go to Prison				★ ★ ★ Coming to America (1988)			
HBO 22	Some-	★ ★ ★ The Fountain (2006)			Cndwin	Treat-	Treat-		The Wire		Real	
AMC 24	★ ★ ★ In the Line of Fire (1993)				★ ★ ★ The Omen (1976)				Damien: Omen II			
USA 25	Law Order: CI	Monk			Law & Order: SVU	Monk			Law & Order: SVU		House	
DSC 26	Cash	Cash	Made	Made	Survivorman	Man vs. Wild			Storm Chasers		MythBusters	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		College Basketball: Big East Semifinal		College Basketball: Big East Semifinal						Sports-	
TNT 32	Law & Order		★ ★ ★ Glory Road (2006)						★ ★ ★ Varsity Blues (1999)			
SCI 33	Stargate SG-1		Stargate SG-1		Jericho		Jericho		Jericho		Jericho	

SATURDAY EVENING March 15												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Cash	Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order		News	SNL
CBS 4	College Basketball: Pac-10 Final				Cold Case		Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery		News	
ABC 6	ABC	News	Ent. Tonight		★ ★ ★ Catch Me if You Can (2002)						News	Without
PBS 7	Glenn Miller				Daniel O'Donnell-Ireland		John Denver: A Song		My Music-The 60s			
NBC 8	News	NBC	Idol Rewind		Law Order: CI		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order		News	SNL
WGN 9	MLB Baseball	Sports	Funnies		The Thomas Crown Affair				WGN News		Scrubs	Reno
FOX 11	Fam	Fam	MDTV	Perfect	Cops	Cops	Most Wanted		News		MADtv	
CBS 12	College Basketball: Pac-10 Final				Cold Case		Criminal Minds		48 Hours Mystery		WYMT	Sports
TBS 13	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King	King	★ ★ ★ Wedding Crashers (2005)				Deuce Bigalow: European			
ENC 14	Eddie	Fun With Dick & Jane			★ ★ ★ Tombstone (1993)				★ ★ ★ The Rock (1996)			
FAM 15	★ ★ ★ The Cutting Edge (1992)				Cutting Edge 2: Going for Gold				★ ★ Ice Castles (1979)			
LIFE 16	★ ★ ★ GoodFellas (1990)						Wisegal (2008)				Dance	
A&E 17	★ ★ ★ Erin Brockovich (2000)				★ ★ ★ True Lies (1994)						Filp This House	
SHOW 19	★ ★ I Love Your Work (2003)				★ ★ ★ Crank (2006)				★ ★ ★ Babel (2006)			
DISN 20	Wizards	Wizards	Mon-	Suite	Phineas	Cory	★ ★ ★ The Incredibles (2004)				Suite	Mon-
MAX 21	★ ★ Lethal Weapon 4 (1998)				★ ★ Turistas (2006)				★ ★ ★ Dreamgirls (2006)			
HBO 22	★ ★ ★ Disturbia (2007)				★ ★ The Good Shepherd (2006)						Def Jam	Blood
AMC 24	★ ★ ★ Open Range (2003)				★ ★ Silverado (1985)						The Searchers	
USA 25	NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		NCIS		Law & Order: SVU	
DSC 26	Cash Cab: Dark	Download: Net			Mega-Excavators		The Ice Hotel		Engineering		Download: Net	
ESPN 27	College Basketball: Atlantic 10 Final				College GameDay		College Basketball: Big East Final				SportsCenter	
TNT 32	★ ★ Rush Hour 2 (2001)				★ ★ Drumline (2002)						The Replacements	
SCI 33	From Dusk-3				★ ★ In the Mouth of Madness (1995)				John Carpenter's Ghosts of Mars		Haunted Prison	

SUNDAY EVENING March 16												
	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
NBC 3	News	NBC			Dateline NBC				Law & Order: SVU		News	StarTrek
CBS 4	Selection Show				60 Minutes				Cold Case		Dexter	News
ABC 6	ABC	News			Home Videos				Extreme-Home		Oprah's Big Give	News
PBS 7	News	NBC			Dateline NBC				Law & Order: SVU		News	Edition
WGN 9	MLB Baseball	Sports	Funnies		Idol Rewind				America's		News	Replay
FOX 11	Paid	Two	King-Hill	Amer	Simp-	King-Hill	Fam	Un-	News		Free-	Motor
CBS 12	Selection Show		60 Minutes		Big Brother		Cold Case		Dexter		WYMT	Ky
TBS 13	★ ★ ★ Wedding Crashers (2005)				Commercials		★ ★ ★ Men in Black (1997)				Commercials	
ENC 14	Tombs-	The Shaggy Dog			★ ★ RV (2006)				★ ★ Striptease (1996)			Dogma
FAM 15	Cutting Edge 2: Going for Gold				Cutting Edge 3: Chasing the Dream				Cutting Edge 3: Chasing the Dream			
LIFE 16	Casualties of Love				Wisegal (2008)				Army Wives		Dance	
A&E 17	The Sopranos		The First 48		The First 48				The Sopranos		The First 48	
SHOW 19	★ ★ Man About Town (2006)				The Tudors		The L Word		The Sopranos		The L Word	
DISN 20	Suite	Suite	Mon-	Suite	Mon-	Wizards			The Cheetah Girls 2 (2006)		Suite	Mon-
MAX 21	★ ★ Fracture (2007)				★ ★ ★ Dreamgirls (2006)				John Tucker Must Die		Hotel	
HBO 22	Treat-	Treat-	Treat-	Treat-	John Adams		John Adams		Adams		Hills-Eyes 2	
AMC 24	★ ★ Silverado (1985)				★ ★ Wild Bill (1995)				Breaking Bad			
USA 25	★ ★ FacelOff (1997)				★ ★ National Treasure (2004)						Law & Order: SVU	
DSC 26	Human Body	Human Body			Revelation-End		Noah's Ark		Jesus: History		Science-Bible	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		ESPN Bracketology				Black Magic				SportsCenter	
TNT 32	★ ★ Drumline (2002)				★ ★ Glory Road (2006)						★ ★ Glory Road (2006)	
SCI 33	★ ★ Cursed (2005)				★ ★ King of the Lost World (2005)				Hybrid (2007)		Rottweiler	

MONDAY EVENING March 17												
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NBC 3	News	NBC	Fortune	Jeo-	My Dad-Better		Deal or No Deal		Medium		News	Tonight
CBS 4	News	CBS	Fortune	Jeo-	Big	Mother	Two	Chris-	CSI: Miami		News	Late
ABC 6	News	ABC	Enter-	Jim	Dancing With the Stars		Bachelor-Lord				News	Night-
PBS 7	GED	Busi-	News-Lehrer		Kentucky Tonight		American Experience		Call War		Assem-	News
NBC 8	News	NBC	Inside	Extra	My Dad-Better		Deal or No Deal		Medium		News	Tonight
WGN 9	Funnies	Funnies	Home Videos		Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News		Scrubs	Scrubs
FOX 11	Two	Fam	Simp-	Two	Canterbury's Law		New Amsterdam		News		Friends	Seinfeld
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TBS 13	Friends	Ray-	Ray-	Ray-	Fam	Fam	Fam	Name	Name	Sex &	Sex &	
ENC 14	★ ★ ★ Ringin' (1996)				★ ★ Stick It (2006)				★ ★ Mission to Mars (2000)			Click
FAM 15	8 Rules	8 Rules	Ground-	Ground-	Kyle XY		Prom Queen		Prom Queen		The 700 Club	
LIFE 16	Reba	Reba	Still	Still	Reba	Reba			Wisegal (2008)		Will	Will
A&E 17	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami			Intervention		Intervention		Para-	Para-	The First 48	
SHOW 19	Love	Barnyard: Original Party			★ ★ ★ Last Holiday (2006)				The L Word		Trantasia	
DISN 20	Suite	Suite	Mon-	Suite	The Luck of the Irish		Raven		Raven	Life	Suite	Mon-
MAX 21	Accepted				★ ★ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (2005)				★ ★ ★ Dreamgirls (2006)			
HBO 22	Mr	Over the Hedge			Real Time		Treat-		John Adams		John Adams	
AMC 24	★ ★ Wild Bill (1995)				★ ★ ★ Witness (1985)						★ ★ ★ Insomnia (2002)	
USA 25	Law & Order: SVU	Law Order: CI			Law & Order: SVU		WWE Monday Night Raw				Law & Order: SVU	
DSC 26	Cash	Cash	Made	Made	Jesus-Complete		Jesus-Complete		Jesus-Complete		MythBusters	
ESPN 27	SportsCenter		NCAA Select		Gameright		Black Magic				SportsCenter	
TNT 32	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		The Closer	
SCI 33	★ Leprechaun 3 (1995)				Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters		Star Trek: Ent.		Street Fighter	

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NEWS OF RECORD

CIRCUIT COURT
New civil cases – HSBC Mortgage Services, Inc. vs. Timothy P. Arnett et al, Feb. 29; HSBC Bank USA vs. Robert Wright et al, Feb. 29; Douglas Stoudemire #081939 vs. Warden John Motley et al, Feb. 29; Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. vs. Larry K. Williams et al, March 4; Midland Funding LLC vs. George Manning, March 5; John Anthony Murphy #175501 vs. Clarissa Nicole Murphy, March 6; Alberto Harris #107688 vs. Fred Bailey, March 6; Judy Rudd vs. Advocat, Inc. et al, March 6.

DISTRICT COURT
New civil cases – HSBC Bank Nevada, N.A. vs. Diana J. Manning, Feb. 29; Midland Funding LLC vs. Ruby Banks, Feb. 29; Capital One Bank vs. Caryl D. Frisby, March 3; Midland Funding LLC vs. John Eldridge, March 3; Capital One Bank vs. Gary M. Robbins et al, March 3; Capital One Bank vs. William Frisby, March 3; Main Street Apartments vs. Crystal Skaggs, March 3; MRC Receivables vs. Corretta Frisby, March 3; Midland Funding LLC vs. Johnny Wright, Feb. 5; Capital One Bank vs. Jamie Moore, March 5. Midland Funding LLC vs. Dwayne Cole, Feb. 5; Capital Alliance Financial LLC vs. Jeffery D. Wilson, March 6.

New small claims cases – Morgan Chevrolet-Pontiac-GMC Trucks vs. Gwinn Plank.

ARRAIGNMENTS
Danny V. Jones – speeding 14 mph over limit – pled guilty, \$28.
Gregory D. Tipton – failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – pled guilty, \$500.
Michael Wilder – theft by deception including cold checks under \$300 – rescheduled March 11.
Preliminary hearing – Gregory Doan – theft by unlawful taking over \$300 (coin machine), persistent felony offender (second degree) – matter bound over to grand jury.
Pre-trial conference – Harold Martin Francis – trafficking in marijuana (first offense; less than 8 oz.) – jury trial May 7.
Preliminary hearing – Denzil L. Lewis – flagrant non-support – matter bound over to grand jury.
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Pre-trial conference – Travis L. Lumpkins – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – pled guilty, \$350, loss of license for 12 months.
Stephen Mennemeyer – theft by deception including cold checks under \$300 – rescheduled March 11.
Susan Miller – theft by unlawful taking over \$300 – matter bound over to grand jury.
Gary Vanover – speeding 20 mph over limit – pled guilty, \$40; failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance – pled guilty, \$500; operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – pled guilty, \$100.
Pre-trial conference – Barry Lee Burton – violation of Kentucky EPO/DVO – jury trial May 14.
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Pre-trial conference – Tammy Cornett – terroristic threatening (third degree) – order entered.
Pre-trial conference – Andrea Elam – criminal littering – re-arraignment March 25.
Pre-trial conference – Beth Fyffe – theft by deception including cold checks under \$300 – pass.
Pre-trial conference – Jacqueline K. Hall – public intoxication by controlled substance – pled guilty, \$25.
Pre-trial conference – Amanda R. Hinton – leaving scene of accident/failure to render aid or assistance – diversion (six months).
Pre-trial conference – Toby

Hunley – disorderly conduct (second degree) – pled guilty, 90 days.
Pre-trial conference – Toby J. Hunely – improper start from parked position – pled guilty, referred to state traffic school.
Pre-trial conference – Johnnie E. Keeton – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – jury trial April 9.
Pre-trial conference – Johnnie E. Keeton – failure to wear seatbelts (two counts), failure to or improper signal, operating motor the influence – trial date set.
Preliminary hearing – Charles L. Lewis – theft by failure to make required disposition of property over \$300 – rescheduled March 11.
Pre-trial conference – Norvin Mayberry – failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security – rescheduled April 1.
Preliminary hearing – Rodney C. Morris – alcohol intoxication in a public place, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, resisting arrest, receiving stolen property (firearm) – matter bound over to grand jury.
Pre-trial conference – Bettie C. Perkins – no/expired registration plates, failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs, use/possession of drug paraphernalia (first offense), possession of marijuana – rescheduled March 25.
Pre-trial conference – Matthew Perry – criminal mischief (third degree) – rescheduled April 15.
Pre-trial conference – Matthew Perry – operating on suspended/revoked operator's license – rescheduled April 15.
Pre-trial conference – Matthew Perry – criminal mischief (second degree) – rescheduled April 15.
Pre-trial conference – Daniel Sparks – failure to report child neglect/abuse – rescheduled March 25.
Pre-trial conference – Daniel N. Whitt – driving on DUI-suspended license (second offense) – bench warrant issued.
Court trial – Hansel L. Burchett – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs – rescheduled April 15.
Court trial – Ricky D. Harvey – operating a motor vehicle impaired by alcohol, drugs, etc. – rescheduled April 1.
Court trial – Robert C. Howard – operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/drugs (second offense) – found guilty, \$500, loss of license for 18 months.
Pre-trial conference – Amanda Patrick – possession of marijuana, use/possession of drug paraphernalia – pled guilty, 90 days.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS
Pereival A. Pajel and Concepcion M. to Charles D. Cantrell, 2 tracts on St. Hwy. 172, \$45,000.
Sheila C. Barker to Ruth Denniston, 100 acres, more or less, on Grassy Creek, \$1 and other good and valuable consideration.
Irene Vest to Asa M. Vest, 2 tracts on the State Highway near Bonny School house, \$1 plus love and affection.
Joey Bates and Janice to Mike Lewis and Alicia, land on Centerville Road, sold under land contract, \$26,000.
Mozelle Trimble and Albert to Wilma Henson, land located on Day Hollow Road, what is known as Griffith Br., a tributary of Straight Creek of Elkfork, love and affection.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Randy Williams, Morgan County Court Clerk, has issued the following marriage licenses.
Patricia Bennett Wiley, 64, of Hazel Green, daughter of Wanda Bennett Shirley and Forrest Allan Shirley, to James Gregory Farrar, 65, of Hazel Green, son of Dorothy Helvey Wellman and Everett Farrar.
Andrea Leshane Lester, 21, of West Liberty, daughter of Ktrena Shell Whitt Lester and Joseph Andrew Lester, to Ralph Douglas Nickell, 22, of West Liberty, son of Carlene Gay Haney Nickell and Ralph Douglas Nickell.
Petrina Kay Dunn, 15, of West Liberty, daughter of Marita Bell Endicott Dunn and Charles Edward Dunn, to Emerson Lee Taulbee, 19, of West Liberty, son of Margaret Catherine Peyton Taulbee and Emerson Lee Taulbee.

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Big Sandy News has new owner
LOUISA — The Big Sandy News, headquartered at Louisa, has a new owner.
Businessman Chris McGehee has purchased the BSN from Sandy Valley Press, Inc. The change in ownership was effective March 3.
McGehee, a Brandenburg native, recently acquired the Bath County News-Outlook, and also owns the Carlisle Mercury in Nicholas County and the Hardinsburg Herald-News in Breckinridge County.
McGehee said he anticipates no major changes in the BSN, a

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LEGALS

OLD MILL PARK AMPITHEATER SEATING PROJECT BID

The West Liberty Tourism Commission is accepting bids for the installation of terraced seating around the amphitheater in the Old Mill Park. The following are description of what is needed to be awarded this bid.

- There shall be approximately 12 rows of terrace 5 feet wide running in various lengths ranging a maximum length of 254 feet to a minimum length of 102 feet. To fit the contour of the existing land.
- Each terrace shall have an 18-inch rise to the next terrace.
- There shall be steps on each end of the seating as well as steps in the approximate center.
- All risers or walls shall be made of landscaping stone of a commercial nature with a cap block providing a seat, and shall have concrete steel reinforced footers.
- Between the front and back of each terrace the space shall be filled with number 57 stone to allow for proper drainage along with drainage pipes as needed. The top of each terrace shall be covered with no less than 12 inches of top soil and seeded with Falcorn II grass seed, covered with straw.
- There shall be handicapped access ramps on the two lowest terraces on both ends of the seating area.

• **Sealed Bids** will be accepted until March 19, 2008 at 4:30 p.m., at 565 Main Street, West Liberty.

• Certificate of insurance must be submitted with bid.

• The best and/or lowest bid will be considered.

Project completion date of June 28, 2008.

(The West Liberty Tourism Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids. The West Liberty Tourism Commission is an Equal Opportunity Provider.)

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This sale will be conducted on Friday, March 14, 2008 at Back's Auto Auction, Mount Sterling, KY 40353. Sale time begins at 6 p.m.

This vehicle may be inspected by prospective purchasers between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. March 14, 2008, prior to the sale date.

This item will be sold as is and the terms will be cash. The seller reserves the right to bid and reject any and all bids.

Jeff Gevedon
Loan Officer
C-3-6-2t
(Pub. Mar. 6, 13)

NOTICE OF SALE

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2004 Pontiac Grand Prix VIN#2G2WV522841335751

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Chris Cantrell
Loan Officer
C-3-6-2t
(Pub. Mar. 6, 13)

Proposed Local Government Occupational License Tax Ordinance For Morgan County, Kentucky

An ordinance for Morgan County, Kentucky, code of ordinances, business regulations, Chapter 1, occupational license tax and relating to the imposition and administration of an occupational license requirement, and payment of a 0.5% occupational license tax by persons and business entities conducting businesses, occupations and profession within Morgan County, Kentucky. Said ordinance to be effective July 1, 2008.

This matter having had a first reading on March 10, 2008, will be brought before the Morgan County Fiscal Court on March 24, 2008, at 8 a.m., in the Morgan County Conference Room. This publication is in summary form only and a copy of the full text of the proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Morgan County Judge Executive's office in the Morgan County Office Building at 450 Prestonsburg St., West Liberty, Kentucky 41472. This publication is made pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

C-3-13-2t

NOTICE OF SALE

Bank of the Mountains will offer for sale at public auction the following items:

2000 Chevrolet Lumina VIN# 2G1WL52J6Y1310781

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Chris Cantrell
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C-3-6-2t
(Pub. Mar. 6, 13)

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Robert Legg
6187 Highway 437
West Liberty, Ky. 41472
C-2-28-3t pd.
(Pub. Feb. 28, Mar. 6, 13)

NOTICE

I am in possession of a 1994 Mazda B4000 Ext. cab, VIN #4F4CR16X7RTM50163.

Anyone having title and claim for said vehicle, contact Jimmy's Auto Salvage at 10922 Hwy. 7, West Liberty, Ky. C-3-6-3t pd.

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1989 Ford Ranger 4x4 VIN# 1FTCR10A5KUB18560

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Jim Hornbuckle
Loan Officer
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(Pub. Mar. 6, 13)

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1995 GMC 2500 4x4 VIN# 1GTGK24K75E537406

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Tammy Cole
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Jeff Gevedon
Loan Officer
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(Pub. Mar. 6, 13)

Proposed Local Government Insurance Premium Ordinance For Morgan County, Kentucky

An ordinance for Morgan County, Kentucky, code of ordinances, amending the existing ordinance from a 2% insurance surcharge to a 4.5% insurance premium tax and relating to the imposition and administration of an insurance premium tax on entities issuing insurance policies in Morgan County, Kentucky, not including life insurance and health insurance. Said ordinance to be effective July 1, 2008.

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Jeremy Keith Smith
2092 Laurel Fork Road
Elkfork, Ky. 41421
C-3-13-3t pd.
(Pub. Mar. 13, 20, 27)

WEST LIBERTY POLICE DEPARTMENT



March 2 - March 8

• If you see or have information on any criminal activity, we ask that you call us at 606-743-4385. We do not want your name, but we do want your information.

• The West Liberty Police Department will conduct traffic safety checkpoints in addition to moving patrols through the remainder of 2008.

Cases/Investigations Opened

- 3 Receiving stolen property
- 1 Domestic violence
- 1 Fleeing or evading police
- 2nd degree

Arrests

- 1 Bench warrant
- 2 Driving under the influence
- 4 Receiving stolen property
- 1 Public intoxication
- 1 Criminal mischief 3rd degree

- 1 Fleeing or evading police
- 2nd degree
- 1 Operating on suspended/revoled operator's license.

(An arrest is not proof of guilt only that the individual was charged.)

Citations issued – 16
Non-injury accidents — 3
Injury accidents — 0

E-911 Calls for Service
County Calls — 121
City — 44

Mike Havens and Blue Mtn. Grass to perform at Williamstown Mar. 22

Mike Havens and Blue Mountain Grass will be performing at the Old Starr Theater, in Northern, Kentucky, on Saturday, March 22. Music will start at 7:30 p.m. with two shows.

Mike brings with him his talented lineup of musicians. Mike Wilson on the five string banjo, one of Hazel Green, Kentucky's most talented musicians on just about any instrument.

Keith Prater, of Hazel Green, plays the mandolin, guitar and sings vocals that will make the hair stand up on your head.

Debi Horton on fiddle and harmony vocals, along with her keen sense of humor that keeps the crowd and the band members on their toes and holding their sides.

Michelle Wallace who has just joined up with the group, is no slouch on the dog house bass. Michelle received first place recently on a bluegrass music cruise, playing with some of the best. Michelle also plays for an all girl bluegrass band called "Hazel Holler Girls", and sings with Wiley Dew, of Greenup, Ky. Last, but not least, Mike and his group takes great pride in having their dedicated sound man, Mark "Hobo" Jackson, doing his very best to make them sound the best.

With a lineup of talented musicians like Mike Havens and Blue Mountain Grass, it will be well worth your effort to come out and see for yourself the fervor and enthusiasm this group has. Come and see what radios and internet radio stations all around the world are listening to, and talking about. As Al Shusterman, a Bluegrass Radio DJ from Sacramento, California says, "If you like heartfelt, strong and moving bluegrass music, then look no farther."

Mike Havens just released one of his songs off "The Window Of My Mind" project called "Old House and Mamma's pictures" to a bluegrass music promoter called "Prime Cuts of Bluegrass", who sends songs to thousands of radio stations, world wide helping artists get their music heard globally. "Old House and Mamma's Pictures" has done very well here in the United States, and in thirteen European



Mike Havens

countries. Much to Mike's surprise, it is up to number 30 on the country music charts in Europe.

Mike Havens and Blue Mountain Grass are currently working on a mini tour beginning in Zurich, Switzerland this year. Mike and his group feel very honored to be invited to share their music with another culture. Mike said, whether it works out or not, it's a great honor to know that the European people are calling and asking us to come and perform for them. Mike also received a review from Al Shusterman from KCBL FM radio, Sacramento, California that states: "Mike's songs feed our traditional roots". The song was released on Jan. 17, 2008.

Mike Havens and Blue Mountain Grass's upcoming shows are:

- March 22, 7:30 p.m., two shows at Old Starr Theater in Williamstown, Ky.;
- April 5, two shows, Big Woods Jamboree, Morehead, Ky.;
- April 12, at Connorsville, Indiana, at Harvest Time Restaurant, two shows;
- May 31, Lebanon, Virginia, a live radio broadcast on WLRV-AM, and a live TV taping by local TV station to be aired later across Virginia;
- June 19, 1:00 p.m., featured band at The Annual String Bean Festival, Tyner, Ky.;
- July 11, at 9 p.m., featured band at Cumberland Mountain Bluegrass Festival in Jenkins, Ky., one performance;
- Sept. 6, the White Water Bluegrass Festival, in Connorsville, Indiana, two shows.

Anyone needing directions or information on how to get to The Old Starr Theater, in Williamstown, Ky., contact Gary Strong at (859) 992-5775.

If you might be interested in booking a show or getting one of Mike's CDs, contact him at hootenhollow@myway.com, or phone (606) 743-7752.

Regional high schl. arts exhibition set at MSU March 5-12

MOREHEAD, Ky.—The gallery in the Claypool-Young Art Building on the Morehead State University campus will be the site of the "Kentucky Burley/Coal Regional High School Exhibition and Competition," March 5-12.

A jury, comprised of art faculty and a member of the Kentucky Art Education Association, will present Best in Show awards for both two-dimensional and three-dimensional artwork as well as ribbons for first place in each art media category.

In conjunction with the exhibition, MSU's Department of Art will host its annual High School Art Day on Wednesday, March 12. There will be activities and demonstrations throughout the day as well as a sculpture competition.

High schools participating are from these counties: Bath, Boyd, Bracken, Breathitt, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Floyd, Greenup, Harlan, Harrison, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Perry, Pike, Robertson, Rowan and Wolfe.

To make viewing the exhibition more convenient for high school students, friends and family, the gallery will be open special hours on Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The gallery in Claypool-Young features contemporary art for the Morehead State University community as well as the University's service region. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or by appointment. There is no charge for viewing and the public is invited to attend. Parking is available on University Street and Elizabeth Avenue, directly behind the Claypool-Young Art Building.

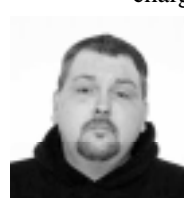
Additional information is available by calling Jennifer Reis, gallery director, at (606) 783-5446.

Gateway ADD Board to meet March 25th

The regular monthly meeting of the Gateway Area Development District Board of Director's meeting will be held at the ADD offices, 110 Lake Park Drive, MMRC Industrial Park in Rowan County on Tuesday, March 25 at 10 a.m. This meeting is open to the public. Contact Gail Wright or Shannon Stull at 606-780-0090 x2109 for more information. C-3-6-3t

West Liberty Police Department Arrest Report

(An arrest is not proof of guilt only that the individual was charged.)



Gregory Bolin, 25, right, of West Liberty, receiving stolen property.



Mitchell Bolin, 28, left, of West Liberty, receiving stolen property.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008 AT 11:00 A.M.

AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY

HOUSE AND LOCATED AT 103 BLUEBIRD ROAD

WEST LIBERTY IN MORGAN COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a ranch style home on public water and septic. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of a living room, dining/kitchen, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath and laundry room. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property will be \$26,800.00

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Paintsville Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, March 27, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., at the property site, at 103 Bluebird Road, West Liberty, KY, in Morgan County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$62,862.44 principal, plus an interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$2,019.50, plus interest in the amount of \$3,895.60 as of August 9, 2007, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$9.2529 per day from August 9, 2008, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 4.15% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 07-50 HRW on the Ashland Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on September 17, 2007, in the case of the United States of America vs Franklin Murphy, April Murphy, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 103 Bluebird Road, West Liberty, Morgan County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated August 4, 2005, and recorded in Deed Book 202, Page 555 in the Morgan County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of \$4.15 per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

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AA meetings slated for each Sunday evening

AA meetings are being held each Sunday at 8 p.m. in the conference room at the county government building. For more information or directions, call 606-743-1210.

Morgan Christian Acad. needs old cell phones and ink cartridges

The Morgan County Christian Academy is collecting used, no longer needed, cell phones and used printer cartridges. The Academy is doing this as an effort to recycle. So please, if you have any used cell phones or ink cartridges, call the school at 743-1824 or drop them off at the school at Index. C-8-23-tf

Sunday school class at Tom's Branch Church

Tom's Branch Community Church is proud to announce Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a.m., under the direction of Brother Ronnie Poe. We would like to invite everyone to come out and bring the children that they may learn about Jesus in a fun filled atmosphere.

Morgan Co. schools homework hotline

Morgan County schools homework hotline numbers are as follows: Morgan County Middle School, 743-8118; East Valley Elementary School, 522-8185; Ezel Elementary School, 725-8208; Morgan Central Elementary School, 743-8433; and West Liberty Elementary School, 743-8427.

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Morgan County History Museum. We need volunteers that can work a few hours a week at the museum. Days needed--Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. We are open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Any help will be appreciated. C-8-16-tf

Bluegrass music at Blackwater Fire Dept.

Come and enjoy bluegrass and bluegrass gospel music at the Blackwater Volunteer Fire Department each Thursday evening, beginning at 7 p.m. Donations are accepted at the door. Come out and support your local volunteer.

New Life Center

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Service times at Seventh Day Adventist Church

The Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1266 E. Main Street, in Jackson, meets at 10 a.m. for Saturday worship, and at 6 p.m. for Tuesday Bible study. Everyone welcome. C-1-8-tf

USDA Ctr. seeking public comment on boundary changes

The West Liberty Service Center, headquarters for the Farm Service Agency for Johnson-Floyd-Martin-Pike; Morgan-Magoffin and Wolfe counties, is seeking public comment on a proposed change in Local Administrative Area (LAA) boundaries. The current number of LAA's is eleven; this number must be reduced to five according to our regulations. To achieve this, the combined FSA County Committee has made the following boundary proposal: LAA 1--Wolfe County and its boundaries; LAA 2--Morgan County and the area West of the Licking River; LAA 4--Magoffin county and its boundaries; and LAA 5--Johnson/Floyd/Martin/Pike counties and their boundaries. These LAA boundaries are based on the number of eligible voters serviced by each LAA and their distinct physical boundaries. If you wish to comment on this proposal call (606) 743-3410, or write the FSA Office at 955 Prestonsburg Street, Ste. #3, West Liberty, Ky. 41472. Submission for approval will be made by April 1, 2008. C-3-13-3t

Gateway WIA program offering following services

Between the ages of 18-21? Ready to make a difference in your life? The Gateway WIA program is now offering the following services to residents of Morgan and Menifee Counties: Work Readiness Skills, Training College for short term training, Life skills training, Obtaining work experience, Parenting skills, Financial planning. If interested call Karen at (606) 743-4141, ext. 101 today to see if you qualify.

Attention women ages 40-64

If you are a Kentucky resident, have no insurance, if you have never had a mammogram or it has been two years or more since your last mammogram, you may qualify for a screening and will receive a \$10 Wal Mart card to spend how you wish. Call Morgan County Health Department at 743-3744, and ask for an appointment today!! Funding provided by: Kentucky Cancer Progra, Susan G. Komen and Gateway District Health Department.

Youth revival slated March 21 at MCHS gym

The Door Youth Revival is slated for Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m., at Morgan County High School gym. Enjoy great music along with a drama skit, puppets and more. Come hear God's word and decide which door you will choose. Sponsored by many churches and youth groups including worship in the Wilderness youth Ministries, Praise in the Pine Youth Ministries, Sacred Ministries, Hands of Praise, and Grace in Motion Puppeteers, dedicated to spreading the word of Jesus Christ to the youth. This event is non-denominational; everyone is welcome. Come expect the spirit of the Lord to move. For more information call (606) 743-7814 or (606) 768-6909. C-3-6-3t

Fruit tree grafting to be offered at the Extension Office

Local grafters Sonny Rose and Gerald Atkinson will be demonstrating how to graft apple and pear trees at two different workshops in March. The first workshop will be held Thursday, March 6, at noon as a part of the continuing Gardening Toolbox series. The second workshop is scheduled Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. Both meetings will be in the downstairs meeting room at the Morgan County Extension Office.

Supplies for each class will be provided. Please bring any scion wood from any tree you are interested in duplicating. Grafting is propagating fruit trees by attaching scion wood (new growth from existing fruit trees) to root stock to create new trees.

Preregistration is highly encouraged by calling 743-3292. Also, contact Ag Agent Sarah Fannin-Holliday at this number for more information on grafting or collecting scion wood.

Spring GED testing dates are announced

The MSU at West Liberty Adult Education and Career Center has set the new Spring GED testing dates. The next test will be given on February 14 and 15, March 13 and 14, and April 17 and 18. The Center will be open on Saturday, March 1, for GED prep classes. If anyone is interested in studying for the test on Saturday, March 1, please call to the center to register. If there is enough interest a possible test may be given on March 15. Call the center to register for the test at 743-1599.

Carol at (606) 251-3513, or Naomi at 725-5552. Walk-ins are warmly welcomed. A door fee is charged. The deadline for registrations is to be postmarked no later than March 21, 2008.

We are looking forward to meeting new friends as well as enjoying our longtime old friends.

2-night revival at Grassy Ck. Pentecostal Church

There will be a two-night revival at Grassy Creek Pentecostal Church, on Highway 205, on Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16. Revival will be held by Mrs. Ruth Phipps. Services begin at 7 p.m. The pastor and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Middle School PTO meeting rescheduled

Morgan County Middle School PTO meeting for Tuesday, March 18, has been rescheduled to Monday, March 17, at 6 p.m., in the library, due to Farm, Home and Family Night being on the 18th. Hopefully everyone can attend both functions. Site Base parent Sub Committee meeting will be on March 25 immediately following the regular scheduled Site Base Decision Meeting at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the library.

Herb and Garden Days at Blue Licks Mar. 14

Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park will host Herb and Garden Days on Friday, Mar. 14, and Saturday, Mar. 15. A reception will be held on Friday, from 7 to 9 p.m., for vendors and early bird patrons. The vendor hall will be open on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Herbal Products and Crafts, Gardening Products, Door Prizes (Saturday), and an Authors Forum including Stephen Lee--The Herbmeister and Karen Angelucci. There will be a number of guest speakers present for this event which is being sponsored by Kentucky Herb Association. Call Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park at 800-443-7008 to make reservations. For more information see website: www.kyherb.com, or Sue Wash at (502) 535-6885. C-2-14-3t

Easter Sunday services at Red River Com.Ch.

Red River Community Church, near Helechawa, will host a sunrise service at 7 a.m. Easter Sunday morning, March 23. The McKinneys will be singing during this service. They will also sing during the regular worship service at 10:45 a.m. Breakfast will be served, and an Easter egg hunt for the children is planned following the regular worship service. The pastor, Bro. Charles Glover, and congregation invite everyone to attend. C-3-6-3t

Singing at Blaze Church Saturday, March 15

There will be a singing at Blaze Community Church on Saturday, March 15, beginning at 7 p.m. Featured singers will be Marvin Adkins, Herky Allen, Ernie Ison and friends. Preaching by Bro. Berlin Davis. The pastor, Bro Vernon Lewis, and congregation welcome everyone. C-2-28-3t

Kentucky Humanities Council Performer

The library has scheduled another performance by a Kentucky Chautauqua character. George McGee will portray Henry Clay on April 24 at 7:00 p.m. Come early and enjoy refreshments at 6:00. A large crowd enjoyed the last performer and we're looking forward to another outstanding performance. Everyone is invited.

Farm equipment for rent to Morgan farm owners

Morgan County Conservation District has for rent an Aerator, two Renovators, an Ag Sprayer, and a fertilizer/lime spreader to farm owners in Morgan County. Please contact the conservation district at (606) 743-3194, if you have any questions about renting this equipment, or stop by the office at 955 Prestonsburg Street, Suite #2, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

Revival slated at Red River Com. Church

Revival will begin Sunday, March 30, and continue through Thursday, April 3, at Red River Community Church. Evangelist Rev. Jim Nelson will be preaching. Services begin at 7 p.m. weeknights and 6 p.m. on Sunday. The pastor, Bro. Charles Glover, and congregation invite everyone to attend. For additional information phone 662-6947. C-3-6-4t

Attention Morgan County Veterans

A Veterans Benefits Field Representative will be at the Morgan County Office Building, in West Liberty, on Thursday, March 13, from 9 a.m. until noon. Veterans and their dependents will receive assistance filing for Federal and State veterans benefits. This service is provided free of charge by the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs. To apply, veterans need to furnish copies of pertinent documentation to verify eligibility. For further information, please call toll free 1-866-244-8970 to speak with a Veterans Benefits Field Representative.

Sunrise service at Sandfield Com. Ch.

Sandfield Community Church will host an Easter sunrise service Sunday, March 23, beginning at 7 a.m. Breakfast will be served. Regular worship services will follow at 11 a.m. The pastor, Bro. Mike Brooks, and congregation invite everyone to come. C-3-13-2t

Revival at Lost Point Lake Ch. begins Mar. 24

Revival at Lost Point Lake Pentecostal Church, at Wrigley, will begin March 24 and continue through March 29, nightly at 7:30 p.m. Bro. Glen Hughes, of Warsaw, Indiana, will be preaching. The pastor, Bro. Garry Ferguson, and congregation welcomes everyone. You don't want to miss these meetings. C-3-13-2t

Angel Food orders due by March 16

Angel Food is both a blessing and a bargain! Orders are now being taken for the March menu. For the low price of \$30 you will receive the following groceries: 1.5 lb Top Sirloin Roast, 2 lb Individually Quick Frozen Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast, 1.5 lb. Boneless Pork Fillet, 2 lb Breaded Chicken Breast Strips, 1.5 lb. Boxed Lean Beef Patties, 4 lb. Individually Quick Frozen Chicken Leg Quarters, 16 oz. All Meat Bologna, 16 oz. Ground Turkey, 24 oz. Steak-Cut French Fries, 16 oz. Frozen Mixed Vegetables, 16 oz. Frozen Green Beans, 10 ct. Waffles, 32 oz. Borden Shelf-Stable Milk, 16 oz. Blue Bonnet Margarine, 15 oz. Pork & Beans, 15 oz. Marie Callender's Soup, 7.5 oz. Mararoni & Cheese, and 1 Dessert Item. All food is fresh and frozen restaurant quality food, not stale or out-dated. Menu changes each month.

The following specials are available with the purchase of a regular unit. Special #1: 8 lb. Family-Size Grill Combo \$20 consist of 2 lb. Thick Cut Pork Chops (4x8 oz.), 2.5 lb. Meaty Beef Ribs, 2 lb. Lean Hamburger Beef Steaks (4x8 oz.), 1.5 lb. All-Meat Bratwurst Sausage Links.

Special #2: 5 lb. Rib-eye Steak Box \$20 consist of 5 lb. Thick Cut Rib Eye Steaks (8x10 oz.).

Special #3: 10 lb. Chicken Tenders Box \$18 consist of 10 lb. Breaded Chicken Breast Tenders.

Place your order now. You can mail your check or money order to Assembly of Faith Church, P.O. Box 613, West Liberty, KY 41472 or drop by the church at 5578 Highway 519 on Friday, March 14, from 3 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, or before/after any church service. The deadline for ordering is Sunday, March 16, at 1:30 p.m. Pickup day for March menu will be Saturday, March 29, from 10 a.m.-12 noon. We accept cash, money orders, checks, and EBT cards. Delivery is available to shut-ins and senior citizens. For more information about order/delivery times or getting an order form, please contact Sherry Keeton, 743-1563 or 743-4239; Linda Adkins, 743-4057; Joyce Cantrell, 743-2706, Sue Ison; 743-1171; or the church at 743-4555. Angel Food Ministry is a non-profit and non-denominational food ministry that serves everyone, no income guidelines or long term commitments. C-3-6-2t

Extension beef meetings to be offered

The 9th Annual Eastern Region Cattleman's Short Course will be starting in March. The UK Short Course is a series of three meetings designed to provide cattle producers with the latest information.

Elliott County will be hosting the event this year at the 504 Firehouse located off of Route 7, north of Sandy Hook. The dates will be on Mondays, March 3, 10, and 17. Registration begins at 6 p.m. and the program is from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Van transportation will be made available by the Extension Service and will leave the Morgan County Extension office at 5:15 p.m. Be sure to reserve a seat ahead of time.

Sessions will include Feed Choices, Tax Tips, Saving Dollars on Fertilizer, Renovating Drought Damaged Pastures, and Health Updates. There will be a free steak dinner at the conclusion of the series sponsored by Hinton and Son Farm Supply.

To reserve a van seat or for further information, directions or a copy of the program, contact Sarah Fannin-Holliday, Morgan County Extension Agent for Agriculture and Natural Resources at 743-3292.

Fruit tree grafting to be offered at Extension Service

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Recognize your loved one with contribution to Scholarship pgm.

Morgan County Farm Bureau Board of Directors are pleased to announce the "Morgan County Farm Bureau Honorary Scholarship Program". If you are considering an everlasting memory of a special loved one, what better way to recognize them, than with a contribution in their honor or memory for the education of our youth?

The Honorary Scholarship will be presented to deserving Morgan County students to further their education in the agricultural field. This recognition promises that the memory of your loved one will forever be a special part of students in Morgan County as they strive to accomplish one of the most significant achievements in their life, education!

If you would like to make a monetary contribution to the scholarship program in your loved one's honor, please contact Linda Allen, Morgan County Farm Bureau Director and secretary at (606) 743-7272, or contact any one of the Morgan County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Emanuel Hampton, David Adkins, Chris Lindon, Hazel Steele, Mrs. David Lane, Mrs. Paul Williams, Landon Lawson, Emory Smith, or Alden Collins. C-3-6-2t

Revival at Williams Ck.-Elkfork Com. Church

There will be a revival at the Williams Creek Elkfork Community Church, starting March 9. Services will start at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. down through the week. Rev. Jimmy Tharp will be preaching. The congregation invites everyone to attend. Bro. Herbert Wright, pastor.

Gospel singing slated at Sandfield Ch. Mar. 15

Sandfield Community Church will resume monthly singings beginning Saturday, March 15, at 7 p.m. The pastor, Bro. Mike Brooks, and congregation welcome all singers and the public to come and share in an evening of worship in song. C-3-6-2t

Singing set at Daysboro Church of Christ Mar. 15

The monthly gospel singing at Daysboro Church of Christ will be Saturday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. Featured singers will be Faith Gospel Singers. A potluck meal will be served following the service. The pastor, Bro. David Hinton, and congregation invite everyone to attend. C-3-6-2t

Revival at Williams Ck.-Elkfork Com Church

There will be a revival at Williams Creek Elkfork Community Church, starting March 16. Services will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. down through the week. Rev. Jimmie Tharp will be preaching. The congregation invites everyone to attend. Bro. Herbert Wright, pastor

Gateway Com. Action bi-monthly meet. Mar. 13

Gateway Community Action Agency will hold its bi-monthly board meeting on Thursday, March 13. The meeting will be held in Frenchburg at the Menifee County Community Building and will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. C-3-6-2t

Bro. Jeff Justice guest speaker at Wells Chapel

Bro. Jeff Justice, coordinator for the East Kentucky Church of God, will be guest speaker Sunday, March 16, (Palm Sunday), at First Church of God, at Wells Chapel. Sunday school will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by the morning worship service. The congregation would love to invite everyone to come and fellowship in praise, song, testimony, and the glorious word of God.

Computers for Farm Use Course to be offered

The Morgan County Extension Service and Maysville Community and Technical College will be offering a series of computer classes beginning April 7. The class will meet every following Monday and Thursday in April from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Morgan County Extension Office. This beginning course will teach the fundamentals of using a computer for farm use including how to get the computer started, the components of the computer and what each part does, software and what it does, and how to use Windows to operate the computer. This session also introduces you to using the internet and email. Students will get a refurbished computer to use during the class and keep after the class. The course is limited to 12 people and is only open to persons eligible for the tobacco buyout funds. There will be a \$50 fee for the class. To register, contact the Morgan County Extension office by calling 743-3292 and submitting proof of eligibility.

"Bless the Lord Ministry" radio pgm. every Tuesday

"Bless the Lord Ministry" radio program can be heard every Tuesday morning at 9:30 on WLKS 1450 AM. Pastor Gary Fields, of the West Liberty-Glen Avenue Church of God, will be preaching. To begin your day, turn your radio on, get your Bible ready, pour yourself a hot cup of coffee while listening to the Word of God and worship the Lord. For more information, you may call 743-2632. C-2-21-5t

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Morgan County History Museum. We need volunteers that can work a few hours a week at the museum. Days needed are Tuesday and Friday. We are open from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Any help will be appreciated. C-1-31-tf

Easter egg hunt, ham dinner at Ezel Elem.

There will be an Easter egg hunt and ham dinner at Ezel Elementary School on Saturday, March 15. The egg hunt will be at noon, followed by the dinner at 1 p.m. Adults \$5, children \$3. Come out and support your school.

Annual Spring Youth Basketball Tourney set

North American Youth Sports announced recently that they will hold their annual spring youth basketball in the Charleston, West Virginia, area at George Washington High School on April 25-27, 2008. This tournament will feature ten different brackets. They include 5th and 6th grade boys; 5th and 6th grade girls; 7th grade boys; 7th grade girls; 8th grade boys; 8th grade girls; 9th-10th grade boys; 9th-10th grade girls; 11th-12th grade boys; and 11th-12th grade girls. All grades are based on the grade in which a student is currently enrolled. The entry fee for this tournament is \$95 and guarantees each team a minimum of two games. There will be awards presented in each bracket. The entry deadline is April 4, 2008. For additional information or an entry form, please call the toll-free NAYS spring tournament hotline at 1-866-352-5915 or tournament director Joshua Bailey at 304-206-5306. C-2-21-6t

Missionary Prayer Band to meet Sunday, Mar. 16

The Morgan County Missionary Prayer Band is scheduled to meet Sunday, March 16. We plan to meet in the fellowship hall of the Index Community Church at 5:30 p.m.

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COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Attention 1968 MCHS students/graduates

Calling all students and graduates of Morgan County High School class of 1968: It is time to plan our "40th" class reunion. Can you believe that? We can't be "that old", at least we don't look it! But back to the reunion... a planning committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at 6 p.m. at Pattie's Place in West Liberty. We need your help to plan a memorable reunion, so please come out and help us get started. We have two dates in mind: May 24th Memorial Weekend because of the availability of the Morel, or during the Sorghum Festival on Sept. 27th. Let us know what you think and come help us plan. If you have any questions, please contact Wilma Bradley Ison at (606) 743-7728 or 743-3696; or Pam Reed Risner at (606) 743-7806, or Patty Caskey Ross at (606) 725-5791.

Victorious Women, Inc. 48th bi-annual retreat set

March 28-30, 2008 will be the 48th bi-annual, ladies retreat sponsored by Victorious Women, Inc., an Eastern Kentucky, Bible-based, interdenominational ministry to women in our own locale, statewide, as well as out of state. The beautiful Ramanda Conference Center, in Paintsville, has been "home" to the ladies for 23 years.

Victorious Women staff are excited to welcome back speaker, Jennie Dimkoff, for her third visit. Jennie is a national and internationally-loved Bible teacher of unique and gifted quality, able to capture the attention of heart of all ages. A Storyteller, Motivational Speaker and Trainer, and popular author, she is best known for artfully and Biblically transforming Bible passages and everyday issues into brilliant, living stories that challenge minds and inspire hearts. Her first published book, "Night Whispers...Bedtime Stories For Women", is a delight to read even when not bedtime.

Every lady, age 13 and up is warmly invited to attend. The theme for the Spring Celebrating Friendship God's Way, is a warm invitation to get on the phone, call a friend, and invite her to attend the weekend ladies' time-out event with you. What a joy will be yours as you enjoy the ministry of a beloved Bible teacher, delight in the music of praise, fellowship with old and new friends, and, most of all, celebrate together what God has so richly done in your lives through the precious gift of friendship--friendship birthed in the Lord Jesus Christ who says, "I no longer call you my servant, but, My Friend."

Saturday afternoon events are geared to all ages with special workshops in crafts, Bible studies, practical helps, and more. Saturday evening hosts a very unique and special, open to the public, concert of praise with staff and local musicians and featuring Pikeville, KY Pastor, Rev. Chuck Summers, a nationally renowned and award-winning nature photographer and author. Attendees are in for a huge treat! Pastor Chuck will be bringing his mastery and artistic giftedness to screen in an inspirational program to the absolute delight of all "armchair travelers". You'll want to be there... chairs provided!

Pre-registration is necessary. Brochures are available at local Christian bookstores or by calling one of the following: Bev at (606) 666-2359/Ext. 230, nights;

Free garden seed available April 1st

Gateway Community Action Agency will begin giving out garden seed on April 1, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the local offices listed below. Seeds that will be given out will include: bean, corn, cantaloupe, cucumber, lettuce, peas, watermelon, and carrots. To apply and qualify, client must provide proof of their total household income for the past month; must be residents of the county they apply in (proof of your 911 address may be requested); clients must be at or below 125% of the poverty guidelines. For additional information contact Pam Sorrell, Morgan County Outreach, 126 College Avenue, West Liberty, Ky. 41472.

C-3-13-3t

Easter Sunday services at Wells Chapel Ch. of God

The Easter Sunday morning church services at First Church of God, at Wells Chapel, will be as follows: Sunday, March 23, sunrise service at 6:30 a.m.. Breakfast will be cooked starting immediately after the sunrise service, and will be served at 9 a.m.; Sunday school services will begin at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning services will begin at 10:30 a.m. to include communion and footwashing. An Easter egg hunt will follow morning services. The congregation would like to invite everyone to join us in worship to almighty God.

C-3-13-2t

Morgan Central SBDM council to meet March 19

The Morgan Central Elementary School Site Based Decision Making (SBDM) council will meet 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the school.

Straight Creek Church Sunrise Service slated

Sunday morning service has been rescheduled on March 23. Sunday service will start at 7 a.m. for a sunrise service. Afterwards there will be a breakfast followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children. Pastor Cortis Ison and congregation invites everyone to come out and celebrate this special day. Regular Sunday service has been cancelled for that day.

C-3-13-2t

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Forest Service seeks input concerning Natural Bridge area

MOREHEAD, Mar. 5--The Cumberland Ranger District of the Daniel Boone National Forest is seeking information to determine future management needs of federal lands in the Natural Bridge area of Menifee, Powell and Wolfe County, Kentucky. A new process referred to as an Integrated Resource Management Strategy (IRMS) is being used to address the current and desired conditions of National Forest System Lands given the goals and objectives in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

On Thursday, March 27, an open house will be held at the Powell County Lion's Club Park located on Highway 615 (North Bend Road) in Stanton, Ky. from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Forest Service specialists will be available to provide information such as the current condition of vegetation, riparian areas, roads, trails and recreation facilities.

The IRMS provides an opportunity for groups and individuals to become involved in the early planning stages of potential projects, prior to the development of proposals.

"We would like to strengthen our communication with individuals interested in management activities on national forest lands," said District Ranger Dave Manner. "We want to find out what people know about the area, how they use the area, and their thoughts concerning the current condition of the resources and facilities."

This project is a separate initiative from the Limits of Acceptable Change process focused on recreation activities within the Red River Gorge. For more information about the IRMS open house, contact Jeffrey Lewis or visit the Daniel Boone National Forest website at http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/boone/planning/IRMS/index_irms.shtml.

Emergency shelter provides assistance to individuals, families

Individuals and families in need of emergency shelter can find assistance at the Gateway House Homeless Shelter, located at 695 Flemingsburg Road, Morehead. The Gateway House serves an eight county area including Bath, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, and Rowan Counties. Along with emergency shelter, the Gateway House offers case management, housing management and advocacy.

The Gateway house receives minimal amounts of federal funding and relies heavily on community assistance. Currently the Gateway is in need of towels, bedding, laundry detergent and cash donations are always accepted. All donations to the Gateway House are tax deductible.

For more information about the shelter, volunteer opportunities, or if you are in need of assistance, please contact the Gateway House directly at (606) 784-2668, or toll free at 877-627-5754.

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Homemakers offer \$500 Scholarship to MCHS senior

Morgan County High School seniors interested in applying for the \$500 scholarship given annually by the county extension homemakers may pick up an application from the Morgan County Cooperative Extension Office located at 110 Court Street, West Liberty, Morgan County Public Library, or Morgan County

High School-Youth Services Center, Sr. English teachers or the guidance counselors office. Any senior planning on going to college, vocational school, or enrolling in other post-high school training programs is eligible to apply for the scholarship which is made possible by the extension homemakers through the sale of pecans.

Interviews will be conducted Tuesday, April 22, 2008 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Morgan County Extension Office.

The deadline for having the

application and other requirements pertinent to the scholarship is Tuesday, April 15, 2008 and must be delivered to the Morgan County Extension Office, Attn: Nellie Buchanan, P.O. Box 35, West Liberty, Ky. 41472. All applications must be postmarked (and/or cancelled) or delivered to the scholarship advisor at Morgan County Extension Office no later than April 15, 2008.

To request an application by mail call Nellie A. Buchanan at 743-3292.

Dedicated To My Daughter

When you're lonely I wish you love, when you're down I wish you joy. When you're troubled I wish you peace, when things are complicated I wish you simple beauty. When things are chaotic I wish you inner silence, when things look empty I wish you hope.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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Honorable Steven L. Beshear, Governor
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Independent Auditors' Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Morgan County, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Morgan County Fiscal Court. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for Fiscal Court Audits* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 1, Morgan County, Kentucky, prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position-modified cash basis of the governmental activities and each major fund of Morgan County, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position-modified cash basis, thereof for the year ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 21, 2007, on our consideration of the Morgan County Fiscal Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Morgan County, Kentucky's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Based on the results of our audit, we present the schedule of findings and questioned costs, included herein, which discusses the following report comments:

- 2007-1 The County Should Provide Retirement Compensation To All Employees That Work An Average Of 100 Hours Per Month
- 2007-2 The County Should Pay Invoices Within Thirty Days Of Receipt Of A Vendor's Invoice
- 2007-3 The County Should Make Contractors Aware Of All Compliance Requirements Associated With Project Funding
- 2007-4 The County Should Pay All Debt Expenditures Timely

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan-Franklin, LLC

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September 21, 2007

Lower Elkfork

By Alpha Clevenger

March 10--Sympathy is extended to those who are bereaved. Get well wishes to the sick and shutins. Barry was Thursday overnight guest. Glad to have him visit me. he enjoys spending the night with his mother. He says he always can sleep so good down in the country and he always enjoys his mother's cooking. Dempsey and Rosie and Joy also love to eat with me. They all say I am a real good cook. Thanks to you children. I have done so much cooking all my life time and it only comes naturally for me to cook.

Congratulations to Adam and Katie Collinsworth, of Salyersville, on the birth of a son, born March 5th in Winchester, weighing 8 lbs. and 7 ounces. He has been named William Lacy. This is the couple's first son. They have a daughter, Julie, age 3. Grandparents are Bill and Sandy Collinsworth, of Salyersville, Barry Clevenger, of West Liberty, and Cathie Clevenger, of Royalton. Great grandparents are Alpha Clevenger, of West Liberty, and the late Hassan Clevenger, also the late Bill and Sarah Shepherd,

Laura Clevenger called Barry the other day and was telling him about Katie's new baby boy. She said it was a doll and so beautiful and sweet. We'd love to see him and hold him. We all love those little sweet babies. Nothing is anymore precious than they are.

Tammy H. called Saturday morning. Good to hear from her. It had been a while. She was glad to be back home. Call again Tammy.

Saturday, March 8 is a blustery, snowy day and the temperatures are falling and there's about 2 or 3 inches of snow on the ground and still snowing. They are giving about 5 more inches. I sure hope not, but I have been wanting it to snow so now we are getting some. It's beautiful, pure and white. I wanted to take photos of the scenery and forgot to buy film, or a one time camera. I used to take photos of all the winter scenery etc. but I don't take as many as I used to. I had an old Kodak camera and it was so easy to use and it got old and tore up on me. I never could find another one like that one. I bought another one at Wal Mart sometime ago. I don't like it and it was a Kodak camera. you can't find the kind you like any more.

How are you, Jewell Lewis? Hope you are well and feeling better. Haven't heard from you in a while. Call me sometime.

Belated birthday wishes to Evelyn Holbrook march 7th. We wish you many more. God bless you and yours.

We always listen to Rev. Vernon Lewis on W.L.K.S. each Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. He sure is improving and delivers a good message each time he preaches. Keep up the good work and all the others that's on the radio station each Sunday afternoon. It's good to know that people are out working for the Lord.

I talked to Joy yesterday. They were all trying to stay inside and keeping warm. She said her and the two children had a cold recently but they are much improved now. I thank the good Lord I never have had the flu or a bad cold this winter. I'm so glad of that, but I still can have one. It's not too late, but I sure hope I don't. I never take a flu shot. I took one in 1996 and I was real sick all winter, from October to spring. I am allergic to them.

I looked out the window just now and the snow is pouring

down. I guess a lot of churches will call off the weekend services as the weather is so bad and the roads are slick and icy.

How are you Fairy Dean and all your family? We are doing very well, but will be so glad when spring arrives and we can get on the outside and plant flowers, etc. I hope we have a cooler summer and not so hot and dry, but we have to take whatever the good Lord sends.

I was at the park the other day and Barry and Gayle were there, too, and we all three went walking together. I was glad to have them walk with me. I try to walk just about every day and If I don't walk at the park I'll walk here at my home, but I'd rather walk t the park so I'll know how much I have walked.

I haven't heard anything for quite sometime about a good friend, Sophie Blevins, of Grant Park, Illinois. I think about her very often and wonder if she is in the hospital or at home. Get well wishes to her and may God bless her and heal her.

I talked to Lisa Bailey recently. Good to see her. She is a sweet and nice young lady. She is my neighbor. I saw and talked to such a nice and sweet neighbor of mine, Judy Lykins. She's always the same, never changes. I always loved her mother, Mattie Perry. We were all good friends and neighbors back in the good old days. I often think of the past and how simple everything was back then and everyone loved everyone else. Wish we could relive those good days again, but we know that's impossible.

I was at Food Court recently and met up with nice and friendly lady, Charlene Thomas. I think that's her name, but I don't know her married name. Good to talk to her. I always thought a lot of her mother and grandmother.

My television had been out for a few days and I always watched the news and the gospel singing and Beattyville WLJC with Sister Margaret Drake and different groups that sings gospel songs each night on WLJC. I always watch them on Channel 65 and on Sunday at 9 a.m. on chan. 65 there's three hours of gospel singing, also on the radio at WRLV Salyersville is gospel singing for about three hours with Country Cousin each Sunday morning.

Dempsey calls often to check on me. Also Barry and Joy calls often. Thank you kids for your concern.

Back to my television, I got it back on Friday morning and I sure was glad to have it on again. When we have been used to one for so long and then it's out you miss them so much, especially when you live out in the country and no close neighbors, etc. Alpha was guest of her brother, Bunk Stevens, of Sandy Hook, on Thursday. He is improving after he suffered a stroke recently. Get well wishes to him.

Jewell Lewis called tonight. So good to hear from her again. She was very well and staying in through all this cold and snowy weather as we all are doing. I cleaned out a path to the mailbox today and took a walk back and forth from the house to the mail box several times and I sure felt better after I walked. I have been used to walking for so long and if I miss walking a day or two I can tell the difference. Walking is good for you. It's been said its the best exercise anyone can do.

Dempsey came on Sunday morning to get water and stayed a while. Good to see him. Barry also came down and stayed awhile. Glad to have them. Joy called Saturday night. Good to hear from her.

Memory Hill & Roundabout

By Hazel B. Craft

Mar. 10--Two weeks have passed and its time for some more news. I heard from my two sisters, Joy and Georgia. They both were happy that I was writing the news again. I do want to keep informing people who are interested of what is happening in this "neck of the woods". Tonight when I started writing I couldn't think of much new news. I stay here on the hill and don't have a chance to know much news. I'll do the best I can.

Many nights I have sleepless nights. That when I do some thinking of "days gone by". My only living brother-in-law, Estill Fugate, of Grant Park, Illinois, calls me often and we talk about our young days on the Clear Fork area of Frozen in Breathitt County. In fact, Estill and some of his family went to school when Wardie taught the Clear Fork School. Both of us talk about the past so much. In fact I have great memories of this school where Wardie taught two yars. This little school has great memories to me. I went to this school for two years. It was my first school to attend. I taught there the first year after Wardie and I were married. That's where Wardie and I became acquainted five years before we married. Also that's where our little church was organized. Later the Redeemed Baptist Church was moved to Caney in the 1940s. Recently Charles Hager of the Kentucky Explorer did two books of Early Breathitt County. In the second book I did an article on the school system in its early days. As stated before I taught Clear Fork School my second year of teaching.

The first year I taught the Mud Lick School on Hunting Creek the year after I got my certificate from Alice Lloyd College in 1937-38. I had a great year that year. I was only 20 years old. At the end of that school year I decided I had made the right choice in deciding to be a teacher. I taught 43 years and substituted eleven. I met so many of my former students--some I know and some I don't. In the last news I mentioned one of my first graders, Carolyn Jo Lacy, who gave me a copy of her poem book. I shall always treasure it. I am still looking forward to her visit to Memory Hill.

In a recent letter Georgia sent me some news. She said that Jackie's husband, Wally, had returned home from Germany. He had been stationed there for a year. I sure want to thank Georgia and Joy for the nice donations to Memory Hill. I must send a newsletter to all our members. The fee is \$10 per year. At the

BY AND BY

By and by the dreams come true, though now things do seem hard for you, amid the triumphs and defeats, you may be sure the circle meets by and by each crooked path is merely just an aftermath and worries that are ours today will be as dust to brush away. By and by impatient heart, the blessed dawn when shadows part, and there will come the golden years, too rich and beautiful for tears we won't be bothered anymore. By all that weighed us down before, for truly, just as Jesus states, all things belong to Him that waits.

(Submitted by Alpha Clevenger)

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present Memory Hill funds is almost gone. What is done now on Memory Hill I supply the funds. A very few have paid their membership dues for 2008. This place is what has kept me going. I do welcome visitors. I sure get lonely some here by myself. My TV keeps me comapny. Occasionally I watch the TV program from the W.L.J.C. Radio Station, especially the scenes of Beattyville and the Kentucky River. We lived in a little house close to the river. In fact that is my first memory as a child less than two years old. I distinctly remember a house boat on the river going past where we lived. My dad and mother were married 10 years before his death in 1925. Anyway, during that 10 years we moved 8 times to where my dad could find a little job. I have been able to locate where our little house was located.

I've told enough about my early life. Now for some news from neighbors. Mary Stamper supplied me some news about her family. She said her brother, c.W. Benton, was preparing to move back from his home in Florida to his home in Northern Kentucky--he lives part of the time in Indiana. Mary spent some time with her sister, Norma, in Winchester. While there she visited her doctor in Paris. She got a good report from her doctor.

She also said George Lacy was getting ready for having a cyst removed. Also C.W.'s wife is scheduled to have a knee replaced in April. Mary also stated that she may have to have more surgery on her hip. She also stated that Dorothy Bailey is still with her daughter in Toledo. She is sick now--probably bronchitis.

I also talked to Patty Barker Griffin. She also reported that his cousin, Roy McCleese, of Breathitt County, had died with kidney failure. He was 59 years old. She said that she and Cecil recently celebrated their first wedding anniversary. She said she and her husband had been sick with the flu bug. Patty said that her sister-in-law, Birchylene Henry, celebrated her 84th birthday recently.

My birthday was March 2. I sure want to thank each and everyone who remembered me on this day with cards, phone calls, gifts and those who thought of me on this day. It's hard for me to realize that I am now 91 years old. So thankful that I am doing much better--still have a few problems. I have an appointment with my heart doctor at St. Joseph East Hospital today, Monday.

Patty Griffin also told me that she soon would have to have knee replacements.



Charitable Event! Texas Hold'em Tournament

Date: Saturday, March 22nd, 2008

Time: Registration at 6:00 p.m.; game starts at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Morgan County Community Convention Center (Community Center)

Buy in (entry fee): \$20.00

Players may rebuy once in the tournament for \$10.00

Prizes and trophies will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Door prizes will be given out also.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase.

All proceeds go to the Morgan County Law Enforcement Christmas Fund which provides Christmas presents to unfortunate children.

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Gainesville, Florida

By Barbara Jean Nickell

Feb. 29--Leap year today.

It has been a long time since I have written anything for the paper. A lot has happened here in Florida and in Kentucky.

I want to send sympathy to the families of Mollie Kennard, who passed away at Ashland, Ky.. Then her grandson, son of Barbara connelly Nickell, passed away in Tennessee. They were both buried at the Kennard Cemetery on Rockhouse. Then Mae Hartsock Helton, of Pricey Creek, Salyersville, passed away last week. Mollie and Mae were first cousins of the Gullett family that hold their reunion Labor day weekend at Pricey Creek.

I want to send get well wishes to John David Elam. He is home now after a long stay in the hospital.

Get well wishes also go to Larry and Elaine Howard, Debby Jarrell, Levina Howard who is in the U.K. Hospital at Lexington, also Paula Howard, Mark Brown and Paul H. Brown. They all need our prayers and Tressie Francis, Mattie Hall, and Prushia Pack.

I recently spent a few days at Vero Beach visiting Betty Nickell and family.

I also visited my cousin, Bobby Nickell, of Port St. Lucie, Florida. Bob just lost his wife, Joan, to cancer at Christmas time. He lost his other wife, Marie, 20 years ago at about the same time as Joan. Bobby isn't doing very well. He has a really bad heart condition.

My mom, Gay Craft, celebrated her 93rd birthday February 3. She is doing very well at the Health Center where she has been 5 years.

A belated happy birthday to my daughter, Bonnie Jarrell, of Bronson, Florida, on Feb. 17, and to my grandson, Jason Jarrell, of Salyersville, Ky., on Feb. 19.

I had the pleasure of hosting a 60th anniversary party for my aunt and uncle, James and dorothy Brown Burke, of Ashland, Ky. on Dec. 5. A large crowd attended the party.

I just talked to my granddaughter, Brandy Jarrell. She is in Chiquimula, Guatemala on a six months missionary trip.

Today is my late uncle, Pierce Brown's birthday... but he said he only got one every 4 years so he only counted 1 year older.

16th Annual Farm, Home & Family Night Morgan County High School Tuesday, March 18, 2008

5:00-7:00 p.m. Registration/Displays/Free Supper

6:00-6:45 & 7:00-7:45 p.m. - Educational Classes for all ages

8:00 p.m. - Door Prize Drawings

Free Classes:

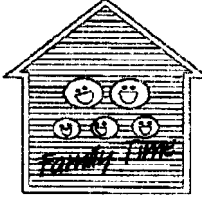
- *Disaster Preparedness
- *Internet Safety "How Safe is My Space"
- *Make Half Your Grains Whole
- *The Basic & Benefits of Composting
- *Drug Use in Morgan County
- *Youth Spring Crafts for all ages
- *Raised Bed Gardening

- *Wrap it Up
- *How Sweet it Is
- *Quilting Basics
- *Beef Cattle Management
- *Wildlife Habitat Management
- *4-H Line Dancing (for youth of all ages)

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The Classic Example Of Barstool Economics

Reprinted From The Tampa Tribune
NOTE: This parable about taxes has circulated on the Internet for years, attributed to various professors and economists. Its authorship remains unclear, though Snopes.com says it was first printed in a letter to the editor in The Chicago Tribune. It may be well-traveled, but this little lesson retains its relevance and charm:

Suppose that every day, 10 men go out for beer and the bill for all comes to \$100. If they paid their bill the way we pay our taxes, it would go something like this:

The first four men (the poorest) would pay nothing.
The fifth would pay \$1.
The sixth would pay \$3.
The seventh would pay \$7.
The eighth would pay \$12.
The ninth would pay \$18.
The 10th (the richest) would pay \$59.

So, that's what they decided to do.

The 10 men drank in the bar everyday and seemed quite happy with the arrangement, until one day, the owner threw them a curve.

"Since you are all such good customers," he said, "I'm going to reduce the cost of your daily beer by \$20."

Drinks for the 10 now cost just \$80.

The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes, so the first four men were unaffected. They would still drink for free. But what about the other six men – the paying customers? How could they divide the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get his "fair share?"

They realized that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth man and the sixth man would end up being paid to drink his beer. So, the bar owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each man's bill by roughly the same amount, and he proceeded to work out the amounts each should pay.

And so:

The fifth man, like the first four, now paid nothing (100 percent savings).

The sixth now paid \$2 instead of \$3 (33 percent savings).

The seventh now paid \$5 instead of \$7 (28 percent savings).

The eighth now paid \$9 instead of \$12 (25 percent savings).

The ninth now paid \$14 instead of \$18 (22 percent savings).

The 10th now paid \$49 instead of \$59 (16 percent savings).

Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to drink for free. But once outside the restaurant, the men began to compare their savings.

"I only got a dollar out of the \$20," declared the sixth man. He pointed to the 10th man, "but he got \$10!"

"Yeah, that's right," exclaimed the fifth man. "I only saved a dollar, too. It's unfair that he got 10 times more than I!"

"That's true!" shouted the seventh man. "Why should he get \$10 back when I only got two? The wealthy get all the breaks!"

"Wait a minute," yelled the first four men in unison. "We didn't get anything at all. The system exploits the poor!"

The nine men surrounded the 10th and beat him up.

The next night the 10th man didn't show up for drinks, so the nine sat down and had beers without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered something important. They didn't have enough money between all of them for even half of the bill!

And that, ladies and gentlemen, journalists and college professors, is how our tax system works. The people who pay the highest taxes get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up anymore. In fact, they might start drinking overseas where the atmosphere is somewhat friendlier.

For those who understand, no explanation is needed. For those who do not understand, no explanation is possible.

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"Christ" is derived from the Greek word Christos, meaning the "Anointed One," which corresponds to the Hebrew-derived "Messiah."

Only Christ can bring the true power of God into your home, life, ministry, church, etc. Jesus Christ is the true power of God. He is the one who people (even many in the church) have rejected. Jesus is the one whom Paul told Timothy that people would deny in the last days, as in 2 Timothy 3:1-5 (King James version):

"1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God,

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power there of: from such turn away."

The power of God only comes through Jesus Christ; He is the one people have rejected. The rejection of Christ results in going to hell, powerless ministries and churches, cold and lukewarm Christianity, unanswered prayers, sickness and death, bondage to sins and habits, no baptism in the Holy Ghost. The rejection of Christ results in a form of God which lacks the power of God.

"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that he shall speak: and he will shew you things to come." – John 16:13 (King James version)

How do you know the true anointing of the Holy Ghost is your church? The true Holy Ghost will point only to Christ as Lord, Savior, Healer, Deliverer, the Word, Baptizer in the Holy Ghost, God in the Flesh, Mediator, Bread of Life, Ruler of Creation, Messiah, Lamb of God, Alpha and Omega, etc.

Bonny

By Faye Ferguson

March 10--Hi everyone. Hope all sick are better and staying in out of the cold. To all the bereaved, to the Waldo Lacy family, the Mabel Barker family, may God bless you in your loss. You are in my prayers.

Our daughter, Charlotte, has been in the Appalachian Regional Hospital. She was sent on to Morehead, and is now at home doing some better.

Virgil and I, Janet, Gail, and Deanna were in Ohio to see my brother, Lonnie Nipper. He was on a ventilator, but he is better now. Get well, Lonnie. We all love you.

We also had a call from Virgil's brother, Bill Ferguson. He said his other brother, Charlie, goes to the hospital there in Ohio Monday. We pray he will be okay.

Our two girls, Sandy and Cathy, will have birthdays soon.

I visited Ruth Ferguson to see David. We also stayed for church. He has got a beautiful church. David is in bad shape. Get well wishes to him. We pray God will heal him. We know He can.

Well it looks like winter started in March. There was fifteen inches of snow in Ohio, but it left fast.

My brother, Dorman Nipper, of Ezel has been real sick. He is feeling better now. Thank God. He is the only brother I have left. His wife, Nell, has the flu. Get well wishes to her.

Everyone be careful driving on these slick roads. I think about our children that goes to work and ask God to help them and take care of everyone on the road.

I talked to my only sister in Ohio. She gets so lonely. She can't get out. She is afraid of falling.

May God bless everyone. Take care, God loves you and so do I.

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Lacy Creek

March 10--Mr. and Mrs. Ruby LeMaster, of Ashland, Ohio visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Dan LeMaster, Jr. They also visited with other relatives in this area. Kennell and Leova Lewis visited last week with the LeMasters, also.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Nickell have been Jack Adkins and Paul Jarvis.

Recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell have been Roby Gullett and Linda Garrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Nickell, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gullett, Linda Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Gullett, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Johnson, Novella Gullett and Paul B. Gullett were among those attending the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lee Gipson Saturday at the Primitive Baptist Church on Rockhouse.

Recent visitors of Bear Brooks have been Darrell Brooks, Chavis Brooks, Burns Cottle, Sharon Jenkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe

Helton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennell Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stapleton and Jerica, and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Arnett attended a Magoffin County Muzzle Loading Wildlife dinner on March 1st at the Community Center at Salyersville. Mr. and Mrs. Kennell Lewis attended the wedding reception of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Lee Gipson Saturday at Pattie's Place. kennell and Leova Lewis visited last week with Bill and Sharon Lewis. Kennell Lewis visited last week with Dorsie Franklin.

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Extension Homemakers fund raiser offers scholarship to 2008 grads

Initiated twenty years one ago by the Morgan County Extension Homemakers Executive Council, a county-wide fund-raising project of selling fresh crop pecans has made monies available for a special scholarship.

The proceeds from the pecan sales are used to offer a \$500 scholarship each year to a Morgan County High School senior. In addition to having fresh pecans for holiday giving and baking, purchasing the pecans from extension homemakers has provided some financial assistance to a deserving Morgan County student annually.

This scholarship may be applied to any post high school training-trade school, vocational-technical school, as well as for any two or four-year college. It is **not** limited to those in family and consumer sciences related studies. Any Morgan County High School senior student (male or female) is eligible to apply.

Criteria for application
Scholastic ability is just one of the criteria used in selecting the recipient. Each applicant must also give a teacher reference who submits a letter as to the student's attitude, honesty, perseverance and the likelihood for success. These are important factors in

selecting the recipient. A transcript, 500 word autobiography and photograph must be submitted with the application. Each applicant will be interviewed by members of the Scholarship Committee and Morgan Homemaker Executive Council representatives on Tuesday, April 22, 2008, beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Morgan County Extension Office located at 110 Court St.

Any student interested in applying for this extension homemaker scholarship may obtain the application from the Morgan County Cooperative Extension Office, Morgan County Public Library or the Morgan County High School Youth Service Center, Sr. English Teachers and the guidance office.

Deadline for Applications

The application and supporting data must be completed by the applicant and mailed to Morgan County Extension Office, Attn. Nellie Buchanan, P.O. Box 35, West Liberty, Ky. 41472, postmarked no later than April 15, 2008.

For further information pertaining to this scholarship, contact Nellie A. Buchanan at the Morgan County Extension Office at 743-3292 or stop by the office located at 110 Court Street.



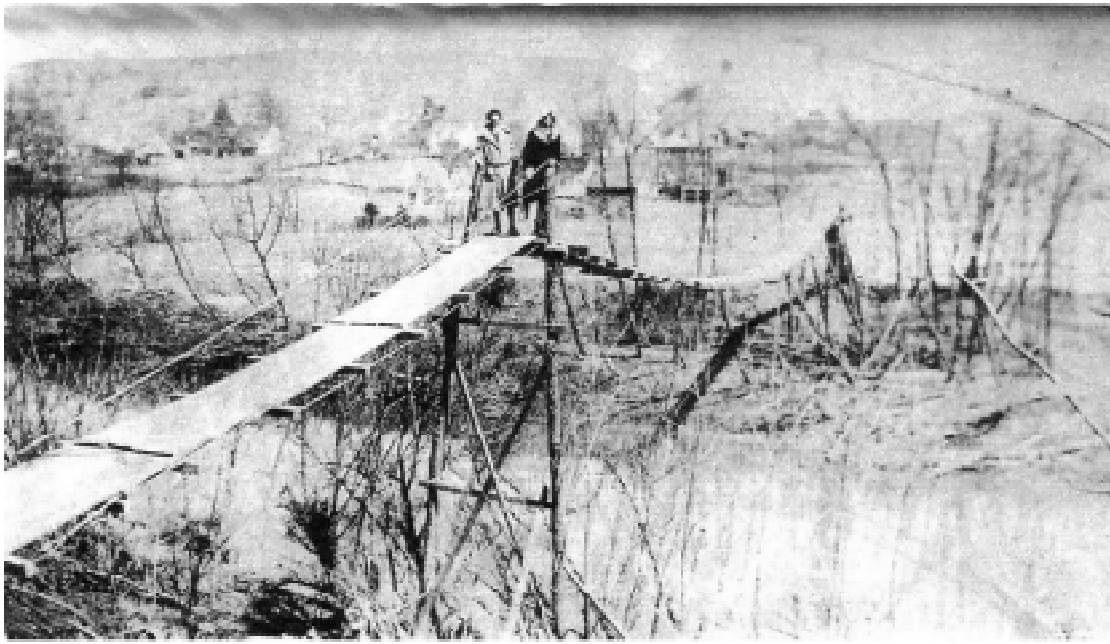
Attend Farm Bureau event

Kentucky Farm Bureau hosted its Legislative Drive-In Day recently. The event allowed county Farm Bureau leaders and FFA students to visit directly with their state senators and representatives to address issues that are most important to agriculture, which included funding for the FFA facility in Hardinsburg. Attending the event in Louisville were Chris Nickell, left, and Morgan County FFA Advisor Chris Lindon, right.

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BRIDGES OVER THE RIVER LICKING

SWINGING BRIDGE CIRCA 1920's



FIRST OF A THREE-PART SERIES

By W. Lynn Nickell

I suppose if there can be a *Bridge Over The River Kwai* there can be a *Bridge Over The River Licking*! The above photo was taken not long after the swinging bridge was built over Licking River from Wells Hill to town. The bridge was probably built in the 1920's. It was built by those living on the "hill" for easy access to West Liberty. Prior to the swinging bridge, a ford across the river down stream from the bridge was used for horse and wagon traffic. Peddler Street, at one time, led to the ford but was changed over the years. Peddler street was named for the Peddler that was murdered in 1852 and was buried on the river bank overlooking the ford. Before the swinging bridge, in order to walk to town from Wells Hill, it was necessary to go up stream to the iron bridge which crossed the river at the foot of the Wells Hill road.

Kedrick Caskey was born on a farm where Avonelle Goodpaster lives today. He was born in 1915 and remembers the old iron bridge well. He said, "It was exactly two miles from his house to the steps of the courthouse by the iron bridge, but by crossing the swinging bridge the distance was cut in about half."

As a boy my first real summer job, other than mowing lawns, was taking Luther Blair's cow to pasture on Wells Hill. (As

well as I can remember the job lasted only a week of two. I believe I got 50 cents a week.) Luther owned a farm where the West Liberty Nursing and Rehab Center is located today. The job consisted of taking his cow to pasture in the morning after she was milked and going to get her in the evenings when James, his son, wasn't available. I had strict instructions from Luther to, "Not run her"! Luther's barn was located where the large picnic shelter in Old Mill Park is today. When I got her to the river and began crossing the ford she would want to take her time to drink and swish her tail in the water. The road on the far side of the river to Wells Hill was mostly sand. I can still remember how good it felt to wade the river and then walk in the warm sand along the road. I was about thirteen years old at the time. The old dirt road wound up Wells Hill, ascending to the top next to the County Farm or "Poor House," as it was called locally.

In the evening, when I went after the cow — invariably, I could hear that cow bell at the farthest end of the pasture and would have to go after her. In those days pasture fields were mostly saw briers, and needless to say tough on my bare feet!

Just up the river from the ford, and below the swinging bridge was the Old Mill swimming hole. Sometimes I would walk up the river bank to get on the swinging bridge and walk across. It wasn't uncommon in those days for boards to be missing or rotted, so it was rather hazardous to walk across. Repairs were left up to those that lived on the hill and, all in all, they kept it in a pretty good state of repair. Periodically a high tide would wash the bridge out and it would have to be rebuilt. When the river was "up" a few dare devil boys, a little older than I, would jump off the bridge into the river. One day a group of us boys were playing on the bridge when there wasn't much water in the river, and Tommy Williams said he would jump off for 15 cents. We made up the money among us and sure enough he jumped off in about two foot of water! (The old swinging bridge wasn't as high above the water as the present one is.)

According to an article written by Helen Price Stacy in, "*Selections from Morgan County History*" by Stacy and Nickell, "Claude Wells, West Liberty photographer, once told how he and four uncles, John David Wells, Frank Wells, Boone Wells, and Joe Roe Wells, built the bridge, as well as many of the buildings and houses in West Liberty."

Most of the Wellses living on the "hill" belonged to the Baptist Church in town. When they, mostly women, came to church on Wednesday and Sunday evenings they carried a lantern or flashlight with them. Buford "Foot" Turner lived along Water Street where the path from the bridge joined the street. Behind Buford's house there was a small barn or crib. During the winter months, the ladies would carry their good shoes down the hill and leave their old muddy shoes under the barn until they came back from church and started up the hill. After putting on their old shoes they would cross the bridge, making a lighted procession up the hill! When it was muddy or in the winter, Coy Davis, Jr. and Harrison Neal, as boys, would leave their "over-shoes" under that barn when they came to town, which was almost every day, according to Coy, Jr.

There aren't many of us still living that can remember the row of houses that stood where Old Mill Park is today. The swinging bridge lane was between the Buford Wells house and the Buford (Foot) Turner house. From Water Street (Riverside Drive) looking west was the Clete Day house (later H. A. Wallace). Behind this house was a barn that was made into a house

where Charlie Holbrook lived at one time. Next was the Buford (Foot) Turner house, the Boonie Wells house, the Harlan Murphy (later Asa Blair) house, and then the Lena Blair house. This has nothing to do with the swinging bridge but it is a little "tid-bit" of local history.



Leatha Nickell is pictured on the Old Mill Park swinging bridge dedication day 1986.

In 1986, Buster Cottle supervised the construction of the Old Mill Park bridge about 50 yards downstream from the site of the original bridge. He was more than willing to supervise the project as was Jim Perry to donate two thousand dollars from the Commercial Bank. Most of the timber was donated by Frederick and May Lumber

Company. The Telephone Company helped with cables and donated posts for the bridge. Dewayne Nickell supervised most of that part of the bridge. Buster and I were "contractors" on the project. Buster did all the design work and supervision while I was his "gofer"; I was kept busy securing financing and supplies. Buster hired Terry Litteral and Keith Adams to do the labor. They anchored the cables with a "dead man"—railroad ties encased in steel and buried about five feet deep.

The swinging bridge is a part of local Americana that is rapidly disappearing. The late Bernard Whitt, local writer and historian, in one of his articles in the local paper, wrote about children skipping school at the Matthew T. Scott, Jr. Collegiate Institute, and how boys and girls would hold hands crossing the swaying bridge on their way to Daisy Knob for a picnic. Daisy Knob was a favorite picnic spot. It is the highest point on Wells Hill and has an excellent panorama of West Liberty and Neal Valley.

There are three or four swinging bridges left in the county today. They are disappearing along with log houses, outhouses, and even barns. In a few years they will be gone and the bridge at Old Mill Park may be the only one left. Hopefully, it will be

maintained as it is today.

Acknowledgements: ells Wilson; Harrison Neal; Coy Davis, Jr.; Kedrick Caskey; *Selections From Morgan County History* by Stacy and Nickell; *Licking Valley Courier*; H. A. Wallace.

Next week the first iron bridge connecting West Liberty with Wells Hill and beyond.

Freshen your breath with simple oral health steps

LOUISVILLE — Everyday millions of people use toothpaste, mints and mouthwash to help control the everyday problem of bad breath (halitosis). Many do not realize that bad breath can usually be cured very easily with good dental hygiene.

Food will cause bad breath when it is broken down in the mouth and around the teeth. Once certain foods are ingested, like onions, garlic and spices, the oils are absorbed into the lungs and cause persistent bad breath until the food is passed from the body.

Poor dental hygiene is the number one cause of bad breath. Brushing twice a day and flossing at least once will remove all the food particles from your mouth that can cause bad breath. Dental hygiene is important to remove plaque from the teeth. Bacteria is the primary component of plaque, which in turn can cause bad breath.

Using mouthwash to relieve odor is a temporary solution for those with bad breath. The odors

are not usually in the mouth, but are in the lungs. Mouthwash will tend to just cover up the odor. However, if mouthwash is used, it should be rinsed in your mouth for at least 30 seconds for it to do its job.

Some other causes of bad breath are dry mouth, throat irritation, tobacco products and severe dieting.

"Taking some simple and easy steps can reduce or eliminate bad breath," said Cliff Maesaka, D.D.S. and Delta Dental of Kentucky President. "Practicing good dental hygiene and regular dental visits are essential in maintaining a healthy, odor-free smile!"

If the change to a balanced diet and having good dental hygiene does not fix the problem of bad breath, talk to your dentist because it might be something more serious.

For more information on oral health, please contact Delta Dental at 502-736-5000 or log on to www.deltadental.com.

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Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Paintsville Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

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Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, April 10, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., at the property site, at 387 Wendell Court, West Liberty, KY, in Morgan County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$69,224.77 principal, plus an interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$3,109.50, plus interest in the amount of \$5,940.71 as of August 1, 2007 and interest thereafter on the principal at \$11.3751 per day from August 1, 2007, until the date of this judgment, plus interest to the date of judgment amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 4.15% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 07-22 DLB on the Ashland Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on September 17, 2007, in the case of the United States of America vs Margaret Collins, the unknown spouse of Margaret Collins, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at 387 Wendell Court, West Liberty, Morgan County, KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated November 22, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 200, Page 281 in the Morgan County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of \$4.15 per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

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Girls 16th Region Tournament

Hot-shooting Rowan ends Lady Cougars' Post Season Run

By David Patrick

Rowan County knocked down eight of its 10 three-point baskets in the first half as the Lady Vikings put an end to Morgan County's regional tournament run with a 68-51 win at Ellis T. Johnson Arena in Morehead on Sunday.

Rowan wasted no time in building a big early lead. A pair of three-pointers by Cassidy Spurlock helped the Lady Vikings to an early 8-2 advantage. Rowan then took a 13-6 lead on a three-point basket from Jennifer Brockman.

"They just shot the lights out," said Morgan County coach Jeff Brown. "Rowan usually doesn't make a living scoring from the perimeter and we were hoping that would continue. But they shot it well. You've got to give them credit."

The Lady Cougars responded at the 3:24 mark of the first quarter on Alyssa Dulen's three-pointer to trim the deficit to four. After Rowan pushed the lead back to nine, Dulen hit her second three-point bucket to make it 17-12. But Brockman answered with two more three-pointers—including one to beat the buzzer—as Rowan grabbed a 23-16 lead after one quarter of play.

Leslie Eagle appeared to shift the momentum in Morgan County's favor with a pair of quick baskets early in the second period to cut Rowan's lead to three. But the Lady Vikings would have nothing of it, using a three-pointer by Natasha Kissinger to jump start a 9-2 run for a 33-22 lead. Yet another Kissinger three-ball helped Rowan to a 38-30 lead at the half.

Morgan managed to pull within eight on Dulen's layup with 5:46 remaining in the third quarter, but could get no closer. Rowan grew the lead to 17 on back-to-back baskets by Kissinger late in the period.

The Lady Cougars did get the deficit down to 10 on a three-pointer by Eagle with 6:20 remaining in the game, but Rowan steadily built its lead back to 16 over the next five minutes before closing out the 17-point win.

Eagle led Morgan County with 16 points and five steals before fouling out with just over a minute left. As for the seniors, Hannah Fugate and Alyssa Dulen scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, in their final basketball game as Lady Cougars. Geri Humphries hit her only basket and both free throws to finish with four points. Kayla Kelly did not score but grabbed a team-high six rebounds in 30 minutes of action.

"It's disappointing to now win, but I'm still very proud of the team," said Brown. "I told them in the locker room that I loved them and was honored to be their coach."

"It was just last season that we lost in the first round of the district tournament. Now this year, we win the district and advance to the semi-finals of the region. Next season, we need to continue the progress that's been started by this senior class."

Rowan was led by 20 points from Natasha Kissinger. Spurlock and Riddle finished with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Brockman had 10, including three-of-six from beyond the three-point arc.

As a team, Rowan converted 10 of 24 (42%) from the perimeter, compared to only 3 of 10 (30%) for the Lady Cougars. Morgan was also out-rebounded, 37-27.

Despite the loss, Morgan closes the campaign with an impressive 21-10 record—its most victories since 1999.



Leslie Eagle scored 16 points and had seven steals in loss to Rowan.



Hannah Fugate scored 14 points against Rowan.



Alyssa Dulen accounted for 13 of the Lady Cougars' 51 points.

UK Korner



David Patrick
News Reporter

Complete Turnaround

Back on December 29, it appeared the walls were ready to cave in on Kentucky's basketball season. The Wildcats slipped to an embarrassing 5-6 after losing to San Diego at Rupp Arena. Many fans were ready to mail the season in—and according to rumors flying around the UK campus—so were the players. After all, the outlook was bleak with Louisville and a tough South-eastern Conference schedule fast approaching.

But what a difference only two months make. Since the horrid start, the Cats have won 13 of 18 games, including an impressive 12-4 mark in the SEC. UK coach Billy Gillispie has turned a potential disaster into one of the hottest teams in college basketball. Seniors Joe Crawford and Ramel Bradley have completely bought into coach's tough love and brutal practices—using it to their advantage. On Tuesday, both were awarded with All-SEC honors while the injured Patrick Patterson was named the league's co-Freshman of the Year. Gillespie was also named the conference's co-Coach of the Year, along with Tennessee's Bruce Pearl. It's the fifth consecutive year that Gillispie has earned coach of the year honors in his respective conference. It's the 15th time overall that a UK coach has earned the league's top coaching honor.

Gillispie has been nothing short of brilliant. He kept the Cats in the forefront of the league race despite multiple injuries to key players (i.e. Jodie Meeks, Derrick Jasper, and Patrick Patterson). UK finished second only to Tennessee in the SEC East, while tying for the league's second-best record. The Cats were undefeated at home and 7-3 against eastern division opponents. In the process, UK has most likely secured a NCAA at-large bid—regardless of what happens in the conference tournament.

MCHS archer earns berth in state tourn. in Louisville

Ten members of the Morgan County Archery Team coached by Tammie Hensley were among the 364 shooters who participated in the recent National Archery in the Schools Program regional shoot. Schools that participated were Boyd County Middle, Elliott County Middle, Lewis County Middle, Morgan County Middle, Paintsville Middle, Wurtland Middle School, Elliott County High School, Boyd County High School, Morgan County High School, Paintsville High School, Cattlettsburg Elementary, Sandy Hook Elementary, Summitt Elementary, Lakeside Elementary, Paintsville Elementary, West Liberty Elementary, and Isonville Elementary.

Morgan County's Kelsie Hembree, a freshman at Morgan County High School, placed 2nd in girls competition and 6th overall in the boys and girls division and advances to State Competition on March 18 in Louisville. Congratulations to all participants, and a special thank you to coach Tammie Hensley! The Morgan County Archery Team will continue to practice during the spring semester. The team wishes to thank all primary sponsors: Fredrick and May Lumber and Construction Co., Bank of the Mountains, Standafer Build-

ers, and the Partnership for Student Success grant. The team also says thank you to secondary sponsor: Citizens Bank, Commercial Bank, New World Video, 21st CCCLC's, and Community Education.

Morgan team's regional competition scores:

Kindra Hembree, 4th grade, score 196/300, placed 15th in Elementary females.

Kordell Smith, 5th grade, score 193/300, placed 13th in Elementary males.

Ryan Gibson, 4th grade, score 141/300, placed 23rd in Elementary males.

Stephen Lacy, 5th grade, score 105/300, placed 30th in Elementary males.

Eugene McClure, 5th grade, score 105/300, placed 30th in Elementary males.

JD McClure, 4th grade, score 56/300.

Santana Roberts, 6th grade, score 115/300, placed 28th in Elementary females.

Shelby Roe, 6th grade, score 109/300, placed 32nd in Elementary females.

Allegra Howard, 6th grade, score 77/300.


Kelsie Hembree, 9th grade, score 265/300, 2nd placed 2nd High School females and 6th place overall.

The Cats begin post-season play Friday night at 9:45 against the winner of Thursday's Ole Miss-Georgia game. Should UK make it to Sunday's championship game, it would do so with 20 wins—a number that appeared out of reach not so long ago.

Indeed, it's been a complete turnaround.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK
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MCHS Girls' Basketball Team:
This week's athlete of the week is Hannah Fugate of the MCHS girls' basketball team. Hannah's play was pivotal in Morgan County's first Round regional tournament game vs. Russell. Her ability to get to the basket and break down the strong Russell defense was the difference. Hannah had 11 points and numerous game changing plays in leading the way for the Lady Cougars' first regional tourney win since 1999. Congratulations to Hannah on an outstanding performance and career as a Lady Cougar.



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USDA accepting renewable energy applications

WASHINGTON, March 6 — Agriculture Secretary Ed Schafer announced during an international renewable energy conference that USDA will accept \$220.9 million in loan and grant applications within USDA's Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Program.

"As demand for energy rises, these renewable energy loans and grants help farms and rural small businesses increase their investment in renewable energy initiatives," said Schafer, speaking at the Washington International

Renewable Energy Conference (WIREC). "Energy efficiency wisely applies our resources, and energizes wealth-creation opportunities with more jobs throughout rural America."

Loan guarantees and grants are available to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.

Eligible applicants may seek loan guarantees to cover up to 50 percent of a project's cost, not to exceed \$10 million. Grants are available for up to 25 percent of

a project's cost, not to exceed \$250,000 for energy efficiency improvements and \$500,000 for renewable energy systems. USDA Rural Development has invested \$674 million in more than 1,763 renewable energy and energy efficiency projects since 2001. These investments include ethanol, biodiesel, wind, solar, geothermal, methane gas recovery systems and biomass.

The Bush administration's Farm Bill proposal recommends a \$1.6 billion increase in renewable energy funding. Were Congress to agree, cellulosic ethanol development proposals would receive a \$2.1 billion loan guarantee program, while \$500 million would be available for bioenergy and bioproducts research programs, as well as another \$500 million for renewable energy development and energy efficiency grants. Details are available at [HYPERLINK "http://www.usda.gov/farmbill"](http://www.usda.gov/farmbill)

USDA will issue one grant solicitation for two separate competitions in FY 2008. For the first

competitive window, grant-only applications must be submitted no later than April 15, 2008. For the second competitive window, grant-only applications must be submitted no earlier than April 16, 2008, and no later than June 16, 2008. Applications for loan guarantees, as well as those for loan/grant combinations must be completed and submitted to the appropriate USDA Rural Development State Office no later than June 16, 2008.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at [HYPERLINK "http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/"](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/) "Link opens in new window" <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/>

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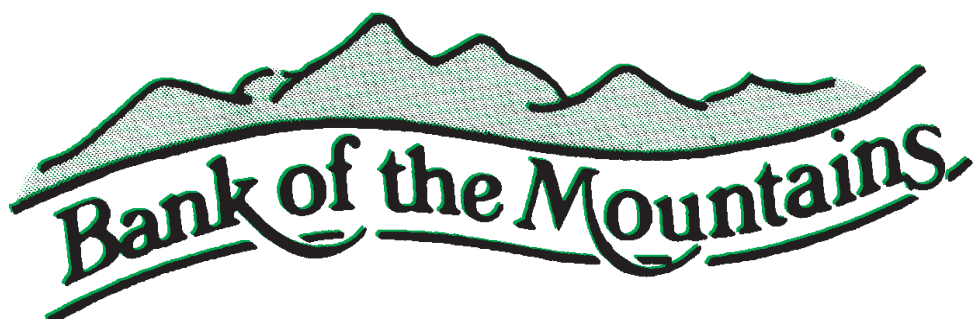
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